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ARE THE TEUTONIC FORCES TO INVADE GREEK TERRITORY?

Anglo-French Troops Have Successfully Made Retirement Across Border.

MAKE SALONIKI A BASE

Remnant of Serbian Army Still Resisting; Little Action East and West.

London, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier, and by an arrangement with the Greek government a clear road has been left for them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base.

The German official report of today claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement, but this is considered here an exaggeration. Accounts from Athens and Saloniki says the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner and without heavy losses. By the destruction of railway bridges and roads, and by stubborn rear guard actions, in one of which two companies of the Inniskilling regiment sacrificed themselves to save their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe distance.

Will Teutons Cross Border?

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Austro-Germans intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece, and what action the Greek government will take should they do so. The impression gained from despatches emanating in Athens is that neither the Bulgarians nor the Turks, who also are reported to have arrived near the frontier, would be welcomed in Greece, and that, therefore, if it has been decided to follow the Entente Allies the task will be undertaken by Austrians and Germans.

"However, with the railway destroyed, it may be some days before Greece is called upon to take action, and by that time the Anglo-French forces should be safe in the defenses of Saloniki and under the guns of their ships.

The remnants of the Serbian army are still resisting the Austrians and Bulgarians in Albania while the Austrians are making very slow progress in their efforts to overwhelm Montenegro where heavy fighting occurs.

Small Actions East and West.

Only small actions have taken place on the eastern and western fronts. On the Gallipoli peninsula, a fall of snow is impeding the operations, although the Entente Allied ships keep things lively for the Turks, whose attempt at an offensive last week, seems to have failed.

A British official report says that the Turkish attacks at Kut-el-Amara where British reinforcements are arriving, have been repulsed. The attacks wre made from all sides, but the British position was so strong that the Turks were unable to make any impression on it.

RUSSIANS DESTROY ZEPPELIN.

Charred Bodies of German Crew Extricated from Debris and Buried.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 13. — Russian artillery destroyed a Zeppelin airship the night of December 5, near the station of Kalun, on the Libau-Romin railway, according to details reaching here.

The dirigible was discovered by searchlights and Russian artillery opened fire on it. The Zeppelin, however, rose to a higher altitude and became lost in the clouds.

Presently the airship reappeared. Its motors had been stopped, which is usually the indication that bombs are about to be dropped. The artillery again began shelling it. One of the shells made a hit and the aircraft became enveloped in flames. Under the glare of the searchlights watchers saw it disappear in a cloud of smoke and heard a loud explosion.

What was left of the machine fell inside the Russian lines. The charred bodies of the German crew were extricated from the debris and buried. A cross was erected over their grave with the inscription: "Honor to the brave, though they were enemies."

SMITH AND DUNN ARE TO STICK TO RICHMOND CLUB.

International League Meets in New York—Adjourns to January 17.

New York, Dec. 13.—Alvin Smith and Jack Dunn, of the Richmond, Va., club of the International League, here to attend the league's annual meeting today, denied that they would shift their franchise They will stick to Richmond, they said, no matter what other clubs might do. President Barrow called the meeting to order late today and after a three hour session, announced adjournment to January 17.

Every club in the league was represented and the session for the greater part was devoted to arrange next year's [illegible] The Harrisburg club's [illegible] the 1916 circuit was the principal matter under discussion and the cities of Hartford, Springfield and Worcester were mentioned. President Barrow stated that the International had notified the National Association of the reservation of Hartford and Springfield. He said his league would be willing to give up its claim to these two cities provided it could secure a franchise for the Harrisburg club to be installed at Worcester, Mass.

EARLY INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP ASKED

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Report.

WANT MORE AUTHORITY

Asks Congress for "Appropriate and Adequate" Laws for Control Over Railway Capitalization —Recommendations.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Early enlargement of the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with statutory power to act through subdivisions, and "appropriate and adequate" legislation for control over railway capitalization were among the important recommendations made to Congress today in the commission's annual report.

The commission suggested that it should have express authority of law to have access to the letter files of carriers; that the use of steel cars in passenger trains be required and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steels cars be prohibited. It was recommended that the minimum penalty for violations of the hours of service act be fixed at a fine of $100 and that provision be made that all actions relating to transportation charges should be brought within three years.

For the fiscal year which ended June 30 last the commission spent $3,933,925 including $2,131,925 for physical valuation work. Its estimates for the year which begins July 1, next, already have been submitted to Congress.

The report is largely devoted to presenting the commission's work for the year. Under physical valuation work it reports that there have been 12 roadway and track parties in the field in each of five districts into which the country has been divided and that their total average has been about 4,000 miles per month. By January 1, the report says, surveys of nearly 50,000 miles of railroad will virtually be completed. The total railroad mileage of the country is put at 250,000 and the report says that the 200,000 miles left at the beginning of the year should be surveyed in the four following years under the present arrangement.

"It is doubtful," it adds, "if under the present organization, work can be prosecuted more rapidly than it is now proceeding."

The report states that the survey of 7,500 miles of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will be completed by January 1 with the exception of a few hundred miles in the South. Surveys of the Boston & Maine also will be completed this year. Before applying the test of actual cost to roads, however, the report declares that much more information must be obtained and has determined to defer the application of prices and the final statement in dollars of the cost of reproduction anew.

"It should be noted," explains the report, "that this will not involve delay in the final completion of the work, since as soon as the application of prices can be properly begun, the work can be speedily brought up."

The commission expresses gratification at the decrease in the number of collisions but says that individual instances of unsafe operating methods and violation of rules "are still too numerous." It suggests a standardization of operating rules to assure safety to railway travel, to be obtained through Federal legislation. It shows that derailments have been on the increase and that in 1915 there were 3,538 collisions and 6,849 derailments, compared with 5,042 collisions and 3,633 derailments in 1902.

"Track conditions which are unsafe for the operation of trains at the rate of speed permitted are too common,"

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SNOW STORM MOVING UP ATLANTIC COAST

Also Passes Over the Great Lakes Region.

More Snow, Accompanied by High Winds, Predicted for Northern and New England States. Cold Wave Northwest.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The storm which in the last 24 hours brought to the North Atlantic seaboard and to the Great Lakes region the first heavy snowfall of the season, was central tonight off Sandy Hook, N. J., and was moving northeastward. The Weather Bureau's forecasters predicted more snow tomorrow in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England, and because of high winds, accompanying the disturbance ordered warning to shipping displayed at coast points from Sandy Hook north.

The heaviest snowfall reported today was five inches at Philadelphia. New York City reported the greatest wind velocity, a maximum of 64 miles an hour.

No unseasonable temperatures were recorded in the storm area, but a cold wave in the Northwest today sent the mercury there to new low marks for the season. North Dakota reported the winter's first z[illegible]

New York, D[illegible] York today experienced its [illegible] snow storm of the season. [illegible] snow, driv-

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FORD APPEALS FOR IMMEDIATE TRUCE

Sends Wireless Message to Each European Monarch.

DISSENSION ON BOARD

Over Resolution Condemning Wilson's Defense Plans—Some Members Threaten to Quit Party if Resolution is Adopted.

On Board the Steamship Oscar II, by Wireless, (via Steamship Noordam), Dec. 13.—An appeal for an immediate truce to give opportunity for negotiations looking to peace in Europe was sent out by wireless by Henry Ford today addressed invididually to each reigning monarch in Europe. It reads:

"Sir: We come in this time of trouble not to add to your burdens, but to help lift them, not to consider which nations are most to blame for the disaster that has befallen Europe but to end the strife; not to intrude ourselves upon your national life and national ideas but rather with an earnest desire to understand them and a heartfelt wish to aid in realizing them.

"The love of country for which every day tens of thousands of lives are sacrificed is the same in every land. Your nation, like the people of all the other belligerent countries, is fighting for its national existence and its best national traditions, and so there can be tional traditions, and so there can be no irreconcilable differences. Such common ideals surely must afford a basis upon which to establish a magnanimous and honorable peace.

"The time has come to stop the bloodshed, to save the people from further slaughter and the civilization of the world from anarchy and ruin. Has not war been tried enough in 16 months of fighting? It is now proven that war cannot solve the problem, but that it leads only to loss and misery? Must lives be crushed and wives and mothers bereaved before we recognize that Europe is bleeding to death and that the grievous wound must be staunched?

"We neutrals are about to join in a conference which shall without delay frame and submit simultaneously to you and all the other belligerent nations proposals as a basis for discussion leading to the final settlement. Therefore we do earnestly entreat you and the rulers of all other warring nations to declare an immediate truce. Let the armies stand still where they are. Then let negotiations proceed so that the soldiers may be delivered from another bitter winter in the trenches and sent back to their labors and their firesides. As there is no other way to end the war except by mediation and discussion, why waste one more precious human life? For the sake of humanity.

"HENRY FORD."

Dissension on Board.

A resolution condemning President Wilson's preparedness policy brought a protest from some of the prominent members of Henry Ford's peace party last night. The resolution was drawn up by the Rev. Jenkin L. Jones, and the Rev. Charles F. Aked and others who asked that it be signed by all the members of the party.

More than a dozen members, including S. S. McClure, of New York, and Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, refused to sign on the ground that the resolution was unpatriotic. Some of them even threatened to leave the party after it reached Europe if the proposed platform was put through. Its supporters said the opponents of the resolution failed to understand the spirit of Mr. Ford's invitation.

REPUBLICANS TO NAME 1916 CONVENTION CITY

National Committee Meets in Washington Today.

St. Louis Looked Upon as Most Possible Selection—Some Leaders Favor Holding Convention Ahead of Democrats.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Preliminary skirmishes before the Republican National Committee decides tomorrow the time and place for the 1916 Republican National Convention to nominate the party's candidate for President were held here today. On the surface the only contest of importance was that of the cities seeking the convention.

After a day spent in a strenuous effort on the part of cities contesting for the convention, St. Louis and Chicago were looked upon tonight as the two most prominent in the race. Friends of San Francisco and Philadelphia apparently were ready to support the Missouri city in case of deadlock, and some of the members of the committee who talked for Chicago yesterday were inclined to be less optimistic tonight. If surface indications were to be trusted the convention would go to St. Louis, but the Chicago boosters claimed not to be discouraged.

Many political leaders seemed to lean toward the suggestion that the convention be held before that of the Democratic party in St. Louis on June 14, but there has been no canvass of members.

The claims of the contesting cities will be presented at length when the committee meets tomorrow. From indications tonight politicians were inclined to believe that the meeting

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UPHOLDS DANIELS AS HEAD OF NAVY

Senator Tillman Assails Bryan and Roosevelt.

ATTACKS NAVY CRITICS

Says Former Secretary Meyer's Criticisms are Really Indictments of Himself—Urges Government Armor Plant.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Describing William J. Bryan as "simply obsessed" and Theodore Roosevelt as the "giant in Mother Goose," Chairman Tillman of the naval committee, addressed the Senate on national defense and assailed what he characterized as the greed of private manufacturers of war materials. Senator Tillman upheld Secretary Daniels' administration of the Navy Department and characterized as "Simply outrageous" critics of the department, numbering among them former Secretary Meyer.

"The question of preparedness requires grave consideration and prompt action," said Senator Tillman. "There are all sorts of opinions and advice from all quarters—good, bad, and not only unwise but unthinkable of adoption except by wild men from Borneo.

Hits Bryan and Roosevelt.

"Mr. Bryan, the evangel of peace at any price, is bitterly opposed to any and all increase. He seems to be simply obscessed on this subjtct and has lost his usual poise. Ex-President Roosevelt, on the other hand, who snorts and roars like a veritable Bull of Bashan, poses as the god of war and clamors for a very large standing army and great reserves. He reminds one of the 'Giant in Mother Goose':

"'Fe, fi fo, fum,
I smell the blood of a German man
Be he alive, or be he dead,
I'll grind his bones to make my bread."

The Senator said he realized the necessity for a greater army but that the navy "our first line of defense," should come first. One question which should be settled speedily, he declared, was construction of a government armor plant.

"The country ought to regard as a public enemy any senator or member of Congress who tries to delay or thwart this purpose," Senator Tillman declared.

"We have an armor trust now," said he, "just as we have had all along, and it is doing business at the same old stands—Bethlehem, Carnegie, Midvale.

"The critics of the Navy Department under Secretary Daniels have been unusually active and outrageous in their work, not hesitating to even make false statements," said the senator.

Attacks Former Secretary Meyer.

"The one man particularly active in this criticism has been his immediate predecessor, Mr. Meyer, seems to be unconscious of the fact that in indicting the navy as he has under Secretary Daniels, he in truth is indicting himself as his Republican predecessor in the Navy Department. The Congress has appropriated enough money, but it has been squandered, misappropriated or spent unwisely. Poor old Massachusetts, how unfortunate in giving birth to such a man as he. I feel sorry that she should be held up to scorn—if such a little and mean man can hold her up to scorn—by the actions of Mr. Von L. Meyer."

Concluding, Senator Tillman made a plea for prompt action on his armor plant measure.

"Nothing but brazen effrontery and unbridled greed aided by official corruption in Washington can delay the passage of this bill and I hope that it will become law inside of 30 days," he said.

After his address Senator Tillman called a meeting of the naval committee for tomorrow and will endeavor to have his government armor plate bill reported at once to the Senate.

THREE ARE INDICTED BY THE FEDERAL JURY

Charged With Conspiracy and Misuse of the Mails.

Plot to Interfere With American Commerce and to Incite Arson, Assassination and Murder Alleged in Indictments.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attache of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cornell, who was in Crowley's employ, were indicted today by the grand jury on two counts, charging conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the Union and the United States and foreign countries and use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Bail was fixed at $5,000 on each count in the indictments. Counsel for the defendants, all of whom had been arrested previously, promised to appear in court tomorrow.

Baron von Brincken and Crowley were previously charged in warrants with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce. They have been at liberty on $10,000 bail. The statute upon which the second count is based was discovered by Mrs. A. A. Adams, who at the time of her appointment was said to be the only woman depu-

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AUSTRIAN 'CHARGE CALLS ON LANSING

Have Conference Regarding Ancona Note to Vienna.

NOTHING NEW REVEALED

Action Austria Will Take Was Not Indicated—Speculation as to What Effect Reply Will Have on Lusitania Case.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Austria-Hungary's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is looked for by State Department officials by the end of this week. This expectation was expressed today after Baron Erich Zwiedinek, 'charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, had conferred with Secretary Lansing regarding the note and attempted, it was understood, to gain informally for the information of his government an understanding of what would satisfy the United States.

The 'charge, it was said, did not indicate what the action of Austria-Hungary might be, explaining that he had not heard from the foreign office upon the subject.

Much attention has been attracted in official and diplomatic circles by that portion of the note which referred to "the acquiescence of Germany" in the attitude of the United States toward use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce. This reference served to accelerate speculation as to what effect a satisfactory or an unsatisfactory answer to the note would have upon the negotiations between the United States and Germany regarding the American lives lost on the Lusitania.

Lusitania Case Far from Settled.

Conversations between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, looking toward a settlement of the Lusitania controversy, have been in progress for many weeks, and it is stated authoritatively that the views of the United States and Germany still are so widely different that faint hope is seen of an early agreement. The ambassador has an appointment to confer further with Mr. Lansing in the immediate future.

Officials here were interested in press dispatches from Vienna which reported that the Austro-Hungarian government had been unable to communicate with the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona, and suggesting that the under-sea vessel might have been destroyed. Should the commander actually be missing, the fact, it is believed, would play an important part in the consideration by Austria-Hungary of a reply to the American note.

Detailed information will be awaited by the State Department before any action is taken regarding the recent attacks upon American tank steamers in the Mediterranean by submarines flying the Austrian flag.

Communipaw Case Puzzling.

Dispatches relating to the Standard Oil tanker Communipaw have been particularly puzzling. 'A consular cablegram from Malta tonight announced that she had arrived today at Alexandria, Egypt, and that "casualties would be reported by Alexandria."

A previous dispatch had told of the arrival of the Communipaw at Alexandria December 5, with a report that she had been stopped by a submarine and allowed to proceed on December 3, and of her sailing December 7. Tonight's report is presumed to mean that the ship had returned to Alexandria after encountering another submarine which attacked her and killed or wounded some of her crew.

WANT SUSPENSION OF NEW FREIGHT TARIFFS

Corporation Commission will Petition the I. C. C.

Increased Rates from North Carolina to Atlanta and Birmingham Districts Proposed, Effective January 1—Conference.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—A conference between the members of the Corporation Commission and representatives of a number of the commercial organizations of the State this afternoon resulted in the determination on the part of the commission to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission a petition for the suspension of the new freight tariffs proposed to be effective January 1, from Northeastern territory, including North Carolina points, into the southeastern freight zone.

The commission will insist that the proposed new tariffs have numbers of unjustifiable increases in the freight rates, especially as applicable from North Carolina points into the Atlanta and Birmingham territories.

Participating in the conference were A. F. Brown, of Charlotte, representing the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association; J. L. Graham, traffic manager of the R. J. Reynolds interests; J. T. Ryan, representing the furniture manufacturers association, High Point, and Secretary Beaman, of the Goldsboro chamber of commerce.

Chairman Travis, of the Corporation Commission, will be in Washington Friday to make an argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the noted Virginia cities case in which he will oppose the proposed re-

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FAVOR EXTENDING WAR TAX ONE YEAR

House Democrats Agree to Support Resolution.

IN CAUCUS LAST NIGHT

Kitchin to Introduce Resolution Today. Does Not Necessarily Mean the Tax Will be Imposed for the Full Year.

Washington, Dec. 13.—House Democrats in a caucus tonight agreed to support a resolution designed to extend the life of the present emergency tax, without change, until December 1, 1916, or for one year. The resolution will be introduced tomorrow and it probably will be voted on Thursday. Democratic leaders tonight predicted its adoption in both houses not later than Saturday, when the Christmas recess will be taken if the measure is out of the way.

Only two of the 150 Democrats who attended the caucus declined to be bound by its rules. Representative Keating, of Colorado, and Representative Calloway, of Texas, said they had promised their constituents to oppose a continuation of the tax and that they intended to keep faith with them.

The chairman, Representative Saunders, of Virginia, said the caucus rules would not be binding upon them under the circumstances.

Majority Leader Kitchin, who presented the proposal tonight and who will introduce the resolution, warned the members that they must do their utmost to have all Democratic members on the floor Thursday. Otherwise, he said, grave danger would be ahead of the resolution.

Mr. Kitchin was interrogated extensively on revenue plans generally and was on the floor almost an hour. Several representatives who had threatened to fight on any plan to extend the la windefinitely remained quiet when the limited time proposition was broached.

Representative Kitchin explained after the caucus that the year's extension did not mean necessarily that the tax would be imposed during this full period. Its future will depend, he said, solely on what course other revenue legislation takes. It is possible, he said, that the present tax law will be entirely repealed or amended materially. Mr. Kitchin's estimate is that the present administration plans carry and the tariff is kept on sugar, $125,000,000 more than can be raised by the emergency tax will be required to run the government during the coming year. At present the emergency tax is netting between $6,000,000 and $7,000,000 monthly.

MEETING IN THE INTEREST OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL IN TOKYO

Support Urged as Evidence of Friendship Between U. S. and Japan.

Washington, Dec. 13. — President Wilson and his fiancee, Mrs. Norman Galt, members of the cabinet, and Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, attended a meeting held here late today in the interest of St. Luke's International Hospital at Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Rudolph B. Teusler, superintendent of the hospital; Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast, of Philadelphia, and Bishop L. L. Kinsloving, of Brazil, urged that Americans support the hospital as an evidence of friendship between the United States and Japan. This project, Dr. Teusler said, would establish a modern hospital in the Far East, and he added that the promotion of such institutions was the best way to build up good relations between the two countries.

FUND AS MEMORIAL TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

$2,000,000 Endowment is Proposed for Tuskegee.

Selection of New President of the Institute Referred to Committee of the Board of Trustees—Statement Issued.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 13.—Selection of a successor to Booker T. Washington as head of the Tuskegee Institute was referred to a subcommittee of five members of the board of trustees and an endowment fund of $2,000,000 to be known as the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund was authorized at a meeting here today of the board of trustees of Tuskegee Institute.

The subcommittee is composed of Seth Low, chairman of the board of trustees; W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee; Victor Tulane, Montgomery, Ala.; Frank Trumbull, New York, and Edgar A. Bancroft, Chicago. No announcement was made as to when it will meet.

Reports that the trustees were deadlocked, the Alabama members favoring Emmett J. Scott, for 18 years private secretary to Dr. Washington and now secretary of the institute, and New York and Chicago members backing Major R. R. Moton, commandant of the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., were denied tonight by Seth Low, The-

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"GREATER NATION THROUGH GREATER SOUTH" IS PLANNED

Addresses by Prominent Men at Opening of Southern Commercial Congress.

PURPOSE IS OUTLINED

Secretary McAdoo, John Temple Graves and John Barrett Among Speakers.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 13.—The Southern Commercial Congress began its seventh annual convention here today with addresses on the South's and the Nation's commercial and industrial problems by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo; Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Virginia; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University; Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, president of the congress, and John Temple Graves, of New York. Plans of the congress to build a "greater nation through a greater South" were outlined by the speakers.

Dr. Butler, addressing the night session, declared that international problems of the United States now overshadow domestic policies, though the latter have not diminished in importance. He urged that the United States prepare to aid Europe at the end of the war in setting up its overturned political fabrics upon democratic principles. Governor Stuart, who also addressed the convention tonight, discussed agricultural and commercial problems of the South.

Senator Fletcher, in his opening address, told what the congress had accomplished in developing the South's resources. A suggestion by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, that the Southern Commercial Congress drop the word "Southern" from its title, was presented by Senator Fletcher. To the suggestion the senator replied that the congress sought to aid the nation through developing one of its sections, and declared the word "Southern" had no more limited the scope of the congress to the South than had the word "commercial" in its title.

John Temple Graves, speaking on the "Victories of Peace," traced the South's developments since 1865 and referred to peace as the "spirit which has wrought this modern miracle."

Secretary McAdoo told the congress that an "obvious duty confronts the nation." The first necessity, he said, was to provide for the nation's physical safety and the second to secure its economic safety. He asserted that both could be aided by establishment of a merchant marine. Mr. McAdoo brought to the congress the personal greetings of President Wilson. The President also expressed his good wishes for the congress in a telegram.

Will be Hated After War.

Making a plea for closer understanding between all American republics, Mr. Barrett declared that after the European war the United States would find itself "unbeloved by all the present belligerents."

"The victor will say, 'We won despite the United States,' while the losers will say, 'We lost because of the United States'," Barrett declared. He added that the leading men and the leading newspapers of all 20 Latin-American republics stood with the United States in its attitude towards the European belligerents and declared that the Pan-American doctrine will some day supercede the Monroe Doctrine and the great South American republics will stand behind this country in its relations with foreign nations across the ocean, as the United States under its Monroe Doctrine today would back up its southern neighbors.

The afternoon session was given over to the woman's auxiliary. In a plea for equal suffrage for women, Miss Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, declared that it pleased her that the men of the Southern Commercial Congress had recognized the need of co-operation of Southern women in their work. "This in itself will be an opening wedge for suffrage," she declared.

Miss Louise G. Lindsley, of Nashville, Tenn., president general of the auxiliary, was unable to come to Charleston, it was announced, because of injuries suffered in an accident recently. Many men attended the meeting of the auxiliary.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and John Barrett left for Washington tonight after attending a dinner given by Governor Manning in honor of themselves and Governor Stuart, and official representatives of other Southern states.

LUMBERMEN GIVEN HEARING.

Ask Federal Aid in Solving Transportation and Competition Problems.

Washington, Dec. 13—American lumber manufacturers had a final hearing today in the Federal Trade Commission's investigation of the lumber industry. At hearings held in various cities lumbermen have told of ills effecting their trade. Today they summed up the case and asked government aid in solving transportation and competition problems. Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, Ore., asked for help in determining how far manufacturers might go in combining to meet foreign competition.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13.—Georgia Technology institute's football schedule for next season practically was completed tonight includes: October 14, Davidson; October 21, North Carolina; October 28, Washington and Lee.

WILL STRENGTHEN BRITISH EXCHANGE

Government to Buy American and Canadian Securities.

SCHEME IS VOLUNTARY

McKenna Says Nothing Will be Done to Harrass American Market or Injure American Interests in London.

London, Dec. 13.—After an explanation by the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, and a short debate the House of Commons passed this evening the second reading of the bill empowering the government to mobilize American and Canadian securities, by purchase or by borrowing them, to be used primarily as collateral for loans, or in case of necessity to be sold to meet Great Britain's liabilities in the United States. The scheme is an entirely voluntary one and the chancellor made it clear that the government had no intention of swamping the American market with securities which would be unfair to holders here, as they were to be paid for at the market price.

Mr. McKenna explained that the usual trade balance in favor of Great Britain had been exhausted by the huge demands made upon America for goods for England and her allies, and the amounts paid in interest on foreign securities held here, earned by British shippers were not sufficient to set this right. Consequently in order to meet liabilities in the United States they were obliged to go outside the ordinary course of trade and had to borrow or sell securities.

He estimated that the securities held here were valued anywhere from 300,000,000 pounds to 800,000,000 pounds (one and one half billion to four billion dollars) and expressed the hope this would be sufficient "to meet our liabilities and to maintain exchange in the United States for the period of the war."

The bill met with general approval, although David Marshall Mason doubted whether the scheme would affect exchange, while Frederick H. Booth hoped the government would assist traders who had to meet liabilities in America and that "these transactions will not lead to New York displacing London as the financial center of the world."

Replying to the question of Sir George Younger as to whether the government intended to confine itself to borrowing in America upon the securities it would acquire, Edmond S. Montague, financial secretary of the treasury, speaking for Chancellor McKenna, said that the government certainly did not propose to confine itself to either borrowing or selling. Regard must be had to the position of affairs in America, and the government proposed to do in every case what seemed most advantageous for the object in view.

Asked if securities to the amount of 100,000 pounds sterling were offered in the next fortnight would the government purchase them, Chancellor McKenna said that the government would be prepared to do so, but he did not anticipate anything of the kind.

Mr. McKenna assured the House of Commons nothing would be done to harrass the American market or to injure American financial interests here. He believed there was available sufficient amount of securities to maintain exchange with New York.

The plan for mobilizing American securities, he said, was entirely voluntary. Estimates of the amount of American and Canadian securities held in this country varied, he continued, from 300,000,000 pounds sterling and 400,000,000 pounds to as high as 700,000,000 pounds or 800,000,000 pounds. Mr. McKenna added that he anticipated no difficulty in raising on voluntary terms such loans as the state might require. This was the chancellor's reply to a request that he take steps to put an end to rumors that a compulsory loan might be necessary.

The chancellor said the government had gone over the ground fully and believed the securities available would be sufficient to meet all liabilities and give the needed support to the exchange market as long as the war lasts.

"The offer to give British credit in exchange for American securities at current market prices," said the chancellor, "can only be justified by only the absolute necessity for mobilizing our American securities in order to make them of the utmost value to the nation as a whole.

"While American securities today have a good price it is true that British securities—owing not to any failure of credit, but to our having such large demands to meet—are comparatively low."

CAUSES NO SURPRISE.

Plans to Purchase Securities Known to be Under Consideration.

New York, Dec. 13.—The decision of the British government to make outright purchases of American securities caused no surprise here, the plan having been reached as one of several which British treasury officials were known to have under consideration.

International bankers regarded the proposal as in the nature of a tender of bid that is being made solely in the interest of strengthening and maintaining exchange between this country and London. The "middle" price referred to in cables probably means a quotation midway between bid and asked prices in this market and the elimination of brokerage or commission implies that the government intends to deal direct with the seller.

The recent revival of liquidation of our securities by British owners has further reduced the amount of American stocks and bonds owned in Great Britain but conservative estimates place the total of such holdings at this time as well in excess of two billion dollars.

To Have Smooth, White, Soft Skin All Winter

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in this weather, or become unduly red or blotchy? Let me tell you a quick, easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft the winter long. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercolized wax at the nearest drugstore and use a little before retiring, as you would cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with sudsy water. The wax, through some peculiar attribute, flecks off the rough, discolored or blemished skin. The worn-out cuticle comes off just like dandruff, only in almost invisible particles. Mercolized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from devitalized scarf skin and only the healthy, young-looking skin is in evidence. It's the best treatment known for weatherbeaten, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbeautiful complexions.

Some skins wrinkle easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered saxolite in ½ pint witch hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line.—The Woman Beautiful.

THREE ARE INDICTED BY THE FEDERAL JURY

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ty United States district attorney.

The overt acts set forth in the indictments were not disclosed tonight. It was charged at the time of Crowley's arrest on November 26th that he was a directing agent in German plots to destroy by fire and dynamite ships bearing munitions to Great Britain, France and Russia. An explosion of a barge of dynamite in Seattle harbor last May was charged to him by government agents.

Crowley's operations, the government charges, extended throughout the United States. That he consulted frequently with superiors in New York and vicinity is also alleged.

The investigation resulting in today's indictment has only begun according to John W. Preston, Federal district attorney. Federal agents said today the government was in possession of the most vital data yet obtained, if statements said to have been made by J. H. Van Koolbergen were substantiated.

Van Koolbergen, a San Francisco civil engineer, was reported to be in custody in Western Canada and it was thought he would be brought here to testify. His testimony, it was said today, would be "most startling."

Federal agents said today they had already connected alleged Pacific coast conspirators with forty explosions.

REPUBLICANS TO NAME 1916 CONVENTION CITY

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would not last more than a few hours and that the committee would adjourn tomorrow night with its work completed. Two of the important meetings today were those of the committees on call and apportionment. The committee on apportionment decided it would abide by the action of the national committee two years ago in reducing the number of Southern delegates to the convention. This decision was reached with the approval of two members of the National committee from Southern states. This was said tonight by committee officials to mean that the convention will have 985 members instead of 1,078, as in 1912. New York is the only Northern state to lose delegates.

The committee on call also will abide by the laws of the several states, including those which select delegates by primaries, but it reserves the right where the law disfranchises the Republican party to leave the final decision as to the seating of delegates with the national committee.

About 600 of the delegates to the convention will be chosen at primaries and the other 385 at state conventions.

On the eve of the meeting of the committee the league of Republican state clubs and the National Republican League held a banquet tonight with Senators Weeks and Sherman, John Hays Hammond and Henry A. Estabrook as the principal speakers.

WANT SUSPENSION OF NEW FREIGHT TARIFFS

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duction in the Virginia cities rates to North Carolina points, and he will at that time file the petition agreed upon this afternoon.

The freight tariffs that the railroad companies have filed and that are stirring the protest from the North Carolina commission and commercial interests are the outcome of an order made in April, 1914, by the Interstate Commerce Commission for a revision of the rates from the Northwest, Eastern and Middle Atlantic sections into the Southeastern territory and adjustment of the long and short haul complications.

There is every indication for a lively and widespread fight before the Interstate Commission over the revision proposal made by the railroad companies.

EARLY INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP ASKED

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says the report. "In several of the derailments investigated the track conditions were found to be so bad as to be actually unsafe for the passage of trains even at moderate speed, yet no special speed restrictions were in force, and it was common practice for trains to be operated at unsafe speed over such track."

The commission suggests the need of definite information as to the physical properties of wheels, rails and other materials used in track and equipment and the strains and stresses they are required to sustain in service. Derailments caused by malicious tampering with track or switches are reported to be on the increase and present a problem difficult to solve, better policing of tracks and a rigid enforcement of trespass laws being suggested as remedies.

Up to June 30 plans for 418 automatic train control devices had been presented to the commission for examination, of which 342 had been examined and 251 found impracticable and crude and 25 found possessed of meritorious features but required further development before being entitled to serious consideration. The block system of operation is declared to have proven its superiority over any other.

The report contains a report of the important court decisions affecting findings of the commission.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon.

Republican committee assignments were approved.

Senator Kenyon proposed to tax manufacturers of munitions and to prohibit passengers on munition ships.

Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill for military training of citizens.

Adjourned at 2 P. M. until Thursday.

HOUSE.

Not in session. Meets Tuesday.

Democrats caucus tonight on extending the emergency war tax law.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court announced today a recess from December 20 to January 3.

WOMEN CONDEMNED IN FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE

For Uselessly Annoying the President and Congress."

Anti-Suffragists Declare Action "Is a Scandal and a Reflection Upon the Intelligence of American Womanhood."

Washington, Dec. 13.—The National Association opposed to Woman Suffrage in annual convention here today re-elected the principal officers and adopted a resolution declaring that a lack of patriotism was shown in the efforts of suffragists "to torment Congress during a session which is called upon to solve the greatest national and international problems that have confronted the United States since the Civil War."

Delegates from most of the 24 states represented in the association were present. The business of the convention was concluded today, but a delegation will call on President Wilson tomorrow.

Reviewing the defeat of suffrage in eastern states last month, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president, in her opening address, said:

"The voters have asked two questions: Furst is suffrage expedient and their common sense has led them to say 'no.' Second, do the majority of women stand behind the demand for the vote? And the negative reply has emphatically followed the investigation of facts."

Mrs. Dodge said there was need for State committees in Iowa, South Dakota and West Virginia, where the legislatures had voted to submit suffrage to the voters. Meetings this winter, she said, were being planned for some of the large cities of the South, where the situation was serious for the first time "not because of the large number of suffragists, but because of the activities of the few."

The resolution adopted by the association reads, in part, as foletaoicm

"This resolution adopted by the assocondemns the lack of patriotism exhibited by the suffragists in uselessly annoying the President of the United States and Congress in making a sham fight which is a scandal and a reflection upon the intelligence of American womanhood."

Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, read to the association a letter from her father, John W. Foster, a former Secretary of State, in which Mr. Foster declared that suffrage was properly a question to be left to the determination of the states rather than Congress.

The following officers of the association were re-elected: President, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, New York; secretary, Mrs. William B. Clover, Fairfield, Conn.; treasurer, Miss Caroline W. Stewart, of Glenridge, N. J.

HOLD ELABORATE PAGEANT.

Suffragists Depict Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony.

Washington, Dec. 13. — An elaborate pageant depicting the life and work of Susan B. Anthony, the pioneer suffrage leader, was staged here tonight as the closing event of the annual convention of the Congressional Woman's Union for Woman Suffrage.

More than 400 persons appeared in the pageant, including many young women prominent in the social circles of this and other cities. Five friezes symbolizing the progress women have made in their march toward freedom in political life, alternated with scenes picturing ten episodes in Miss Anthony's life. Costumes of the fashions of various periods since the Civil War days were worn.

Tomorrow members of the Congressional Union will seek a hearing before the National Republican Committee.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

Southern States Suffrage Association Closes Convention.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—The convention of the Southern States Suffrag Association closed here today with a business session for receiving the report of the nominations committee election of officers and adoption o final resolutions.

A resolution was adopted calling up on the Democratic party, as the dominant party in the South, to adopt plank favoring woman suffrage as true expression of genuine democracy.

Miss Kate Gordon, of Louisiana, was elected president; Miss Laura Clay, of Kentucky, vice president at large; Mrs. O. F. Ellington, of Arkansas, recording secretary; Miss Louise Collins, of New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. B. Bartlett, of New Orleans, treasurer. Auditors: Mrs. Stoner, of Washington, and Mrs. Elliott, of Maryland.

State vice presidents: Virginia, Mrs. W. W. Foster; Arkansas, Mrs. T. T. Cottman; Washington, D. C., Mrs. G. A. Arms; Florida, Mrs. C. M. Robinson; Georgia, Mrs. Emily McDougald; Kentucky, Mrs. A. M. Harrison; Louisiana, Mrs. John B. Parker; Maryland, Mrs. Elliott; Mississippi, Miss Pauline Orr; Oklahoma, Mrs. J. C. Fuqua; South Carolina, Mrs. John Gary Evans; Tennessee, Miss Catherine Wester; Texas, Miss Eleanor Breckenridge.

SNOW STORM MOVING UP ATLANTIC COAST

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en by a high wind fell throughout the afternoon and greater part of the night, interfering with traffic of the city and tying up shipping in the harbor. Outbound vessels, especially coastwise craft, did not sail and many incoming vessels were unable to make their piers on account of the blinding snow.

Owing to the slushy condition of the streets, accidents were frequent. Fourteen thousand men were called out to attack the blanket of snow estimated at three inches, and the indications were tonight that as many more men will be needed tomorrow, the weather bureau reporting that the snow fall would continue. The temperature remained at about the freezing point.

The blizzard was the result of the meeting here of two storms, the weather bureau reported, one from the Great Lakes region and the other from the ocean.

FUND AS MEMORIAL TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

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odore Roosevelt and four other members of the board.

The Booker T. Washington Memorial Found was authorized with $450,000 already pledged contingent upon the raising of the remainder of the $2,000,000. It is expected $250,000 will be given by negroes, according to a statement issued by the board. The statement follows:

"Tuskegee Institute is Booker T. Washington's monument and his most fitting memorial is the perpetuation of its great work for the benefit of the colored people and for the promotion of helpful relations between the races. The gap at present existing between the ordinary income of the institute and its annual outgo is approximately $150,000. It is not desired to close this gap so complete as to make the institute independent of the interest and support of the living but it is desired to reduce this gap to manageable proportions. The trustees therefore, propose to invite subscriptions to the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund, of two million dollars for the continuance of the institute and of the work for the negro race which centers there.

"It is hoped and expected that $250,000 of this sum will be given by negroes out of which fund a suitable memorial for Booker T. Washington will b erected in the grounds of the institute.

"The trustees have already received subscriptions of more than $450,000, some of which, but not all, are conditional upon larger sums being raised. The negroes may therefore feel that every dollar they give will be met more than dollar for dollar by gifts from white people."

For up-to-date furs, go to C. H. Fore & Co's—Advertisement.

REPRIMAND FOR CONDUCTOR.

Rev. Melton Clark Will Not Sue the Southern Railway for Treatment.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 13. — Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Greensboro, well-known religious leader, and friend of President Wilson, who was put off the train by a Southern Railway conductor at Jamestown on November 24 because the ticket agent at Salisbury had made a mistake in punching his ticket, has abandoned his former purpose of bringing suit against the company for damages. Superintendent Shelton, of the Danville division, has made satisfactory apologies and explanations to Mr. Clark, and in a signed statement the minister says that he is satisfied and that he does not care to be plaintiff in a suit for damages. Both Mr. Clark and Superintendent Shelton lay the blame at the door of the conductor, who refused to ascertain by telegraph or otherwise if Mr. Clark had really bought a ticket to Greensboro, and further declined to take Mr. Clark's word for it. The conductor will be given a suitable reprimand.

INTRODUCES MILITARY BILL.

For Compulsory Training of Americans From 12 to 23 Years Old.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Compulsory military training for Americans between 12 and 23 years old, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee. The bill is a modification of the Swiss plan. Senator Chamberlain has announced he does not expect the bill to pass, but he believes discussion will be of educational value.

The Epworth League Union held its first regular monthly meeting, since their organization about a month ago, last night at Bladen Street Methodist church. An interesting musical programme and refreshments were enjoyed by a good attendance.

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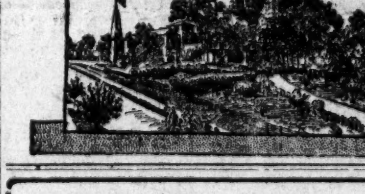
Read the letter from Mrs. A.V. Marston, of Pamplin, Va.:

"More than two years ago I was taking laudanum and was nothing but a wreck. I had got to the place where I did not care to live and thought a cure would entail suffering worse than death. But I stayed four weeks at the Institute and my cure was complete—and I really enjoyed being there."

Start yourself—or someone dear to you—on the road to future happiness. Write us *now*—frankly and confidentially.



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NEW BARN BURNED AT METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Much Provender Included in Loss Estimated at $2,500

Raleigh's First Snow of the Season 2.3 Inches—Charters Issued to Five New Corporations Yesterday. Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—A fire at the orphanage of the North Carolina Methodist Conference here this morning destroyed the barn, entailing a loss of $2,500, protected by $1,000 insurance. The barn was very recently completed and was the gift of Dr. R. H. Lewis, of this city. Seventeen head of cattle were gotten out, but a large quantity of provender was included in the fire loss. The city fire department responded and the work of the firemen prevented spread to other buildings of this splendid orphanage plant.

Charters were issued today for five new corporations as follows:

The Joyce Drug Co., of Spray, Rockingham county, capital $5,000 authorized and $900 subscribed by Frank Joyce and others for a general drug business.

The Pamlico Telephone Co., of Bayboro, capital $50,000 authorized and $1,500 subscribed by G. M. and B. E. Reel and T. W. Brinson for construeting and operating rural and municipal telephone lines.

The Merchants' Advertising Corporation, Scotland Neck, capital $25,000 authorized and $1,000 subscribed by C. A. Jones, S. C. Josey and others.

Rodman, Clark & Co., Waxhaw, Union county, capital $30,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by J. L. Rodman, H. C. Clark and others for a general mercantile business.

The Farmers' Protective Union, of Vanceboro, capital $1,000 authorized and $400 subscribed by J. H. Foster and others.

An amendment to the charter of the Mint Cola Co., of Salisbury, increases the capital from $40,000 to $50,000.

Raleigh's first snow of the season disappeared rapidly today. The fall was 2.3 inches. The rain precipitation was .83 of an inch.

ATHLETIC OFFICERS ELECTED

By the Association at A. & M. College O. S. Anthony, President.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—Mr. O. S. Anthony, of Shelby, was elected president of the A. & M. athletic association at its regular meeting held for the election of officers. Mr. W. B. Sumner, of Asheville, was elected vice president. Announcement was made that stars were awarded to Captain H. E. Anthony, C. O. Seifert, R. C. Young, J. E. MacDougall, O. S. Anthony, J. H. Sullivan, V. A. Rice, J. S. Bonner and W. W. Riddick. Monograms were given to G. B. McCoy, P. R. Rand, C. H. Kirkpatrick, H. G. Weathers and R. H. Hill, manager.

Mr. F. C. Gardner, of Rocky Mount, was elected manager for the season of 1916. Assistants elected were A. T. Hartmann, baseball, R. W. McGeachey basketball, J. G. Hicks and E. F. Lewis, football.

Practices which have been held so far by the basketball recruits have been gratifying to all who have been watching the work.

MARKS AT THEIR LOWEST.

German and Austrian Money in New York Lowest Ever Known.

New York, Dec. 13.—The value of German money in this market as represented by marks fell to its lowest Berlin dropped to 77 1-2, a decline of Berlin dropped to 7 71-2 a decline of a cent from the recent minimum. In substance, marks, normally quoted at 23 3-4 cents, were worth only 19 3-8 cents.

Incidentally, Austrian exchange fell to lowest rates, but in this instance the decline was sentimental rather than actual, no sales of exchange on Vienna being reported.

The extreme weakness of exchange on the Teutonic countries was ascribed to unconfirmed rumors that the Imperial Bank of Germany contemplates assuming command over all the gold now privately held within the empire.

BUYS REMAINDER OF FLEET.

International Corporation Takes Over Pacific Mail Steamers.

New York, Dec. 13.—The American International Corporation, recently organized by interests connected with the National City Bank and other prominent financiers, today announced the purchase of the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, consisting of seven steamships.

In this venture the corporation has secured the co-operation of William R. Grace & Company, importers and exporters between the United States and South America, who are represented on the board of the new International corporation. Incidentally by this step the last fleet of vessels under the United States flag on the Pacific ocean will not suffer complete disintegration.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS.

Court Takes Action With the Elkin & Alleghaney Railroad.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 13.—Judge E. B. Cline, presiding in Superior Court here today, appointed receivers for the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad. The receivers named were C. B. Penny, general manager of the road, and M. W. Thompson, an expert accountant of New York. The road extends from Elkin to Sparta, across the mountains, and it is proposed to carry the road into Virginia later. It was stated here today that a re-organization of the road would be undertaken shortly.

The Elkin & Alleghany is one of the several railroads in the building of which the State has participated by furnishing convicts for the grading, receiving in pay therefor stock in the roads. The State has many thousands of dollars in the Elkin & Alleghany.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—It is expected that within the next few days the time and place for the annual convention of the North Carolina National Guard Association will be settled by the executive committee. The convention is to be held early in the New Year and the indications are that Durham or Greensboro, or possibly Raleigh will be selected as the place. Major York Coleman, of Rutherfordton, is the president of the association.

THEATRICAL

Surpassing in size and magnificence anything which has hitherto been offered to the public in a traveling organization, Henry W. Savage's production of the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman," which will be disclosed at the Academy of Music next Saturday, matinee and night, stands alone.

No other manager would have attempted to present with a traveling organization a spectacle so massive. Not a feature which was used with this production during its two years' run in New York has been eliminated. In addition to the large number of people required to work the mechanical and electrical effects of the production, an entire symphony orchestra is carried by the company. The music, which was composed by George Whitefield Chadwick, dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, of Boston, requires an intelligent and careful rendering to bring out all its beau-

ties and only skilled musicians, after weeks of strenuous rehearsals, are competent to play it. The organization is equipped with two car loads of scenery and mechanical effect. The company includes a grand opera and a musical comedy chorus, in addition to the large dramatic ensemble. "Everywoman" is, in fact, a commingling of the more attractive features of opera, musical comedy and drama. While it amuses and furnishes entertainment which may be understood and enjoyed by anyone, it also promulgates a moral lesson of inestimable value. Mothers, upon seeing the play, have brought their daughters to it to impress upon them a lesson they could not otherwise impart. Clergymen of all creeds and beliefs have found food for reflection in it and have endorsed it in most emphatic terms. In London it met with as enthusiastic a reception as it has had in this country.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. Night prices will range from 50 cents to $2. Tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at Plummer's.

"Cabiria,"—The World's Wonder.

The story of "Cabirio" opens in Canana, in Sicily, in the third century, B. C., immediately after the close of the first Punic war, where Batto, a Roman patrician, and a large land owner, rusticating in peace and plenty, at his villa in Sicily under the shadows of Mount Aetna, the troublous volcano, is suddenly bereft of his happiness by the great earthquake, closely followed by an eruption of the volcano. The mighty bosom of Aetna, heaving with a roar like the thunder clap of doom,

UMBERTO MOSZATO
One of the Thousand Stars in the Great 12-Reel Spectacle, "Cabiria."

strikes terror to the hearts of Batto and his wife, playing with their little daughter, "Cabiria" (The Spirit of the Flames) in the garden surrounding their palatial home.

Lava, hissing in a molten stream, a mighty hail of rocks belching forth, crushing everything. Detonations and reverberations of mighty volumes of sound drowning the lamentations of the stricken. "Cabiria", lost from her parents, is taken captive by pirates and taken to Carthage, where she is sold to High Priest Karthola, who intends to use her as a burnt offering to Moloch.

This is the beginning of the world's greatest sensation—12 reels of thrills—at the Victoria Friday and Saturday. Advance sale of seats goes on tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the theatre, and applications by letter are already coming in.

Great Fox Feature—Royal Today.

Count Leo Tolstoi's greatest novel, "Anna Karenina," elaborately filmed by the Fox Film Corporation, forms one of the most powerful arraignments of modern society that did the original work. With Betty Nansen, the famed tragedienne, in the title role, and the standard of excellence of the William Fox productions even surpassed, it actually outdoes anything yet seen upon the screen.

Count Tolstoi wrote many famous books, but of all of them his favorite was Anna Karenina. He frequently declared that he had put the work of ten years into the wonderful novel, which enjoys world-wide fame.

"Anna Karenina" is a thrilling story of a woman who dared, a play of unforgetable power, a vibrant modern drama, a photoplay that stirs and thrills and holds you in a grip of steel that never relaxes until the very end of the picture.

Betty Nansen is seen at the very height of her supreme tragedy interpretations in this feature, and will hold your undivided attention from the first to the last minute. "Anna Karenina" is the attraction at the Royal today, and is presented with the unqualified guarantee of the management.

"The Vampire"—Victoria Tomorrow

Tomorrow's return date of that great photoplay feature, "The Vampire," starring that stately queen of emotion, Mme. Petrova, will undoubtedly draw even larger crowds than the first showing at the Royal last Wednesday. The Victoria, with a seating capacity of 1,100 will be capable of handling the crowds no matter how large.

"The Vampire," for the benefit of those who did not see it last week, is an intense, powerful and realistic photoplay in which the regeneration of a woman, more sinned against than sinner, is powerfully and vividly portrayed, and telling of how the Vampire, in her mad passion for revenge, suddenly awakens to the call of true love.

"The Vampire" is one of the most enthralling of all dramatic features so far seen at the Royal, and elicited more comment last Wednesday than any photoplay that has been presented within the past month or more. No doubt many will avail themselves of again witnessing it again at the Victoria tomorrow. The first show starts at 2 P. M., with a show every hour and a half.

"Broken Coin" at the Bijou.

The ninth great chapter of the "Broken Coin" at the Bijou today, will draw capacity crowds. Last Tuesday the crowds were larger than on any Tuesday since the serial has been running. In fact, every week sees an increase in attendance. The great serial is now reaching the point where the unfolding of the story takes two solid reels of swift action every week, and every inch of the film is replete with action. Kitty was again left in a precarious position last week, and everyone is anxious to know what she does next. Also what does Count Frederick do next—Count Sacchio and King Michael? It's all interesting, and undoubtedly is the greatest serial story of all time.

Mina Cunard, the pretty young sister of Grace, stars with Gloria Fonda and William Dowlan, in "The Mayor's Decision," a thrilling three-reel modern drama, leading with politics, slum life and the double triangle of an intensely enthralling recital of public life and domestic intrigue. It is a thriller from beginning to end and you will have the added attraction of seeing both of the famous Cunard sisters "in action" today.

Nat C. Goodwin in "Never Say Die"

The name of Nat Goodwin has come to typify all that is best in splendid comedy, and his coming to the Academy of Music on Wednesday, December 22, tenacy of that popular theatre, means more to its patrons than they realize at first glance.

For years past no one has ever cared what the play was, just so it was Mr. Goodwin, it was sure to be funny and good. To have that reputation and then to be coupled with a successful play, which is the case with "Never Say Die," his present starring vehicle, for last season and this, is surely a happy combination.

Wm. H. Post, the author, has fitted Mr. Goodwin as a tailor fits his model, till, like a glove, he wears the title role in "Never Say Die."

Big Feature at Grand.

It is really a big week at the Grand this week. Every day there is an exclusive, big feature that should draw capacity crowds.

For today there is an especially attractive offering as the headliner on the day's program, a two-reel Biograph dramatic feature starring Augusta Anderson in the leading role. It is entitled "Oil and Water," and as might be implied from the name, is a stirring drama depicting the efforts to make two different classes of society mix agreeably. The result was the same as when oil and water is poured together, and the dramatic story told by this two-reel feature depicts the results of the attempt in a vivid manner.

"A Race for a Gold Mine," is a stirring single reel Western drama, a Selig, that contains some real big gunplay and is thrilling throughout. Then there's a big Mina comedy feature, "Kidding the Goats," with many big laughs in it.

RAISED $36,350 IN ONE DAY

Kinston Disciples Church Breaks Collection Records.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 13.—All records for collections in Disciples of Christ churches in the South were broken yesterday when Gordon Street congregation here gave $36,350 in one day and the mortgage on the church was burned, Pastor B. P. Smith announced today.

CROUP AND COLDS TREATED BY GOWANS

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Miss Jannie Taylor Becomes Bride of Mr. Lethel Turner.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 13.—There was a very beautiful wedding solemnized at the home of Mrs. Ellen Taylor yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, when her pretty 17-year-old daughter, Jannie, was married to Mr. Lethel Turner, a successful young farmer of this section. Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Methodist church at this place, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Turner will make their home with Mrs. Turner's mother. There were many beautiful presents received by the young couple.

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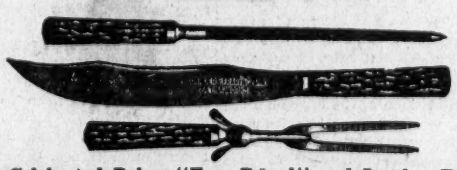

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TOP O' THE MORNING

To parley with Temptation is to play with fire. —JOHN BUNYAN.

There is no telling what Congress will do or may have to do in the next twelve months.

It takes a long time to dispel a psychological grouch. It is easier to spell it than to dispel it.

There are other industries which North Carolina cities ought to want. Let's get other industries in our heads as well as munitious factories.

Uncle Joe says he is not with the Democratic President on National preparedness but he has to acknowledge that the President is with him on that question.

It is declared that the Republicans have no campaign issue for next year, but Republicans don't mind that so long as they can go on appealing to popular prejudice.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Meet everybody with a smile." That seems like it's a nice way, but if you smile at some people they think you have heard something on them and are giving them the laugh.

It is said that Felix Diax is still hanging around with the hope of creating more trouble in Mexico. Felix's past activities show that he started in as a bush-leaguer but he is now getting down to the bonehead class.

The opponents of national military and naval preparedness to safeguard this country are telling the people that preparedness is militarism. We know why they are doing it, but what is the use to give them away? The people know as well as we do that those who think they are fighting national preparedness are deliberately scandalizing it because they are short of ammunition in the shape of argument. They are like some lawyers who vilify the defendant for fear they haven't enough proof to convict him.

President Wilson is the only man the Democrats can hope to win with next year, so Democrats who are opposing his policies are not helping to give their party a fighting chance in the next campaign. There are men who prefer for a fragment of the party to follow them instead of the only man who can win when there is no possible chance for dogmatism to win over statesmanship. There is not a man in the dogmatic class who can lead the party to success. They either do not know it or they don't care whether they do or not.

Says the Knoxville Journal and Tribune: "It has been hinted that Congressman Kitchin will suggest an investigation of the alleged 'insidious lobby' that will be at the Capital giving lessons to statesmen in the matter of preparedness." It is taken for granted that there will be such a lobby, but if it makes itself insidious the congresemen ought to be the first to know it. Let every congressman squeal just as soon as he is offered a million dollars to take the position of a patriot. No congressman should take pay for doing his duty to the country. Those who are in favor of safeguarding the Nation ought to join Mr. Kitchin in running all insidious lobbyists out of Washington.

We also sent an argument as well as a reproach along with our demands upon Austria. It is left to Austria to say the word that will help out the anti-preparedness people in the United States. If we are going to make demands and propose to back them up, the opponents of preparedness will have to do one of two things—favor preparedness so this country won't make itself ridiculous, else repudiate the right of the United States to protect the lives and property of American citizens when they are deliberately and persistently jeopardized by nations which treat our remonstrances with contempt. Those who do not think this country needs preparedness had better give serious attention to current events.

THE POWER OF CIVIC UNITY

Atlanta has been greatly stirred by a violent campaign for the recall of some of her city officials, and it has threatened disunion among Atlanta citizens who have always been united in promoting construction and progress in that city. One secret of Atlanta's marvelous development has been the civic unity of her citizens regardless of politics or differences about other things. "Atlanta" was slogan enough for all Atlanta men, so they pulled together regardless.

All that civic union seems to have been threatened by the recall election, but the Atlanta Constitution has been warning against any disruption that would break up the civic unity which has been the life of Atlanta. That paper, however, announces that "Atlanta" has not wholly lost her sense of harmony and unity—the principles which have built the city and made it great." Atlanta men have stopped to think about their city, and they are counteracting the disorganizing influences at work. "This is evident," says the Constitution, "from the manner in which leading citizens of all faiths, opinions, political and personal beliefs, have come together to prevent the schism which threatened division, disruption and disorganization."

Doubtless those Atlanta folk have become more compromising in their attitude towards each other, and in doing so they set a good example to other cities where the lack of civic unity has retarded their development. At any rate, the Constitution preaches the right doctrine when it declares that "Atlanta needs right now the best and strongest efforts of every citizen, not in creating discord, but in removing it."

That is what all cities and towns need, for their only hope lies in civic unity. Whenever there is the least sign of threatened disunion among a city's civic forces, its leading men should get together and nip it in the bud at once. One class of citizen working for a town can't ignore any other class. The whole citizenship is necessary to civic unity, and the pull together spirit must permeate all to get the best results. It is necessary to enlist every man in the plans for building a city.

We once saw a wheelright antagonize a new railroad project and win out because of his strong following. When concessions were made to him and his followers, the city got the railroad and was glad to get it one way or another. After that, all the boosters made up their minds that it was a good idea to consult with the wheelright as one of the leading men of his city. In civic union there is power.

INSURANCE LOANS ON FARMS.

The Association of Life Insurance Presidents is holding its annual convention in New York, and among the matters which they have under consideration is the problem involved in loaning life insurance funds on farms. The astonishing statement is made that at present the life insurance companies have loans on farms to the amount of $660,000,000. The safety of such loans naturally has to be considered, and the association, therefore, is looking very closely into the value of farm lands all over the country. The lands of the country are too cheap at present prices and the insurance men are considering the possibilities of their increased value, as well as methods for increasing farm values in this country.

In an address before the association Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, declared that the abandoned farms of the Eastern states might well be worth $400 an acre, instead of $20, if their enrichment is undertaken and farming is done in such a way as to keep up their value instead of following methods that make lands worthless instead of better. Among other things, Dr. Hopkins said:

"The most important and the most neglected factor in American agriculture is that of soil enrichment. For three centuries the American farmer has drawn the support of the nation from the fertility contained in our virgin soils, with widespread soil depletion as a result. When the land became too poor to raise a profitable crop by the ordinary means of soil stimulation, the American farmer has, as a general rule, allowed the farm to go back to nature, and he has either moved to newer lands or joined the increasing urban population.

"The improvement of seed, the use of tile drainage, the invention and general adoption of labor-saving machinery, the development of cheap and rapid means of transportation, and the opening of the world's markets to our farm products, have all combined to make possible and to encourage rapid deterioration of American soils. Crop rotation is good farm practice, but it makes possible more rapid soil depletion because of the larger crops produced, where insect pests and plant diseases are avoided by such rotation.

"The United States Bureau of Census reports that the aggregate area of improved farm land agriculturally abandoned from 1880 to 1910 was 9,809,834 acres in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. If a state like Massachusetts should entirely stop farming, the fact would be made known and emphasized the country over and the world around, but, if another equal area of improved farm land is to be agriculturally abandoned, it could be so selected as to stop farming in eight states, including New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and either Maine or Florida. In other words, the combined area of improved farm land found in these eight states in 1910 was less than 9,809,834 acres.

"Already the question of food has begun to exert pressure in this country. During the last census decade our population increased by 21 per cent, the same in percentage but far greater in the absolute than during the preceding decade; but there was less than 2 per cent increase in food cereals and no increase in food producing animals. By five year averages, centered on 1900 and 1910, respectively, our average annual exportations decreased from 215,000,000 to 103,000,000 bushels of wheat, from 162,000,000 to only 48,000,000 bushels of corn, and from 2,500,000,000 to 1,500,000,000 pounds of meat, in order that we might feed our increase of 16,000,000 people.

"The only hope of the future lies in the application of science and education and honesty to the control of industry and agriculture, and let us understand and never forget that agriculture is the basic support of all industry and that the fertility of the soil is the absolute support of every form of agriculture.

"The fertility of the soil is well under the control of the farmer, if he is provided with accurate information and with the necessary capital to enable him to put into practice rational systems of truly permanent agriculture. There was no need whatever that the cultivated farm lands of the Eastern States should have been depleted. Lying at the door of our greatest markets, with the application of knowledge and with such encouragement as should have been given, those lands could easily have been preserved and even increased in fertility until their present value might well have been not $20, but $400 an acre."

Practically every intelligent man in America is recognizing the prime value of agriculture and the scientists as well as the financiers are beginning to realize that it is not the country's mines which account for its wealth but its farms and their annual production. The country is waking up to the fact that farming is a business and that it needs financing on equal terms with any other kind of business.

AUSTRIA HAS TO ANSWER.

The American note to Austria calls for an answer and the kind wanted is suggested in the note. There also is a precedent for Austria to follow and it was set by her powerful Teutonic ally. Germany herself has agreed with this country that there is not only such a thing as international law but a higher law—the law of humanity. A nation may evade the law of nations but it cannot ignore the humanity that must characterize a civilized people.

With reference to the sinking of the steamship Ancona by an Austrian submarine and the consequent loss of American lives, the American government has once more been guided by patience in putting itself on record in the plainest kind of words concerning the barbarous methods employed in such attacks at sea. It is denounced in the American note as "wanton slaughter of defenseless non-combatants," and the Austrian government is reminded that such inhumane and barbarous warfare is "abhorrent to all civilized nations."

Germany has agreed to that idea and Austria will have to say she does, too, else put herself on record as justifying what all civilized people recognize as intolerable barbarism.

No nation can afford to defend such methods upon any pretext, for the world will not admit that anything can justify barbarism or any description.

These incidents are serious things and sooner or later they will cease to be viewed with patience, even under the horrible circumstances existing in Europe.

NO PATCHED UP PEACE.

In his speech at Columbus, Ohio, last week, President Wilson expressed the opinion that when peace comes in Europe it will not be "any patched up peace." He believes that the terms of the peace agreement will contain guarantees of peace that will last. He declared that such a guarantee will recognize the humane principle that "the instrumentalities of justice shall be exalted above the instrumentalities of force."

That already is the spirit in America, and possibly the awful war in Europe will bring other peoples to the same sentiment which has become the American mind. The whole world is directly concerned in the kind of peace that is to be arranged between the European belligerents, and the neutral nations certainly should have a voice in the terms as well as those nations which have to come to some sort of terms some of these days.

Peace in Europe will have to be based on justice and equity if it is to last, else there will be no guarantee that it will last a bit longer than some nation can get ready to fight for justice. All the nations of the world ought to get together and see that the terms take in all the world. It will be the first real opportunity when something like world peace can be undertaken. The time is propitious for it, and no doubt every nation in the world will be quite willing for such a peace understanding.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Medill McCormick is quoted once more as counselling the Bull Moose to get together with the Republicans. The election returns convince us that the Bull Moose beat Medill McCormick to it.—Chester Republican.

Preparedness for Christmas is the right thing. But in your preparation list have a memorandum to make some little child happy whose chances for a Christmas remembrance at home are of the slimmest.—Raleigh News and Observer.

"Leader Claude Kitchin with a majority of the Democratic congressmen opposed to him and with the national administration opposed to him must feel as comfortable in his position as one-legged man at a dancing frolic."—Montgomery Advertiser. Since the Democratic majority selected Mr. Kitchin as leader with a full knowledge of his views as to preparedness we will wait till the votes are counted before we are sure that the Democrats chose a leader with a deliberate intention of not following him.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Bishop Jno. C. Kilgo would not let the North Carolina Methodist Conference, over which he presided in Wilmington recently, adopt any resolutions about him. Two attempts were made to get before the Conference for adoption resolutions expressing the high esteem of the members of the Conference for Bishop Kilgo and paying tribute to him as a presiding officer. Bishop Kilgo ruled the motions out of order. He is quoted by The Star as saying that if he needed such a resolution he would not be worthy of it and if he was worthy of it he did not need it. No perfunctory resolutions for Bishop Kilgo; he prefers, he said, the warm handshakes of the members of the Conference. While in the case of Bishop Kilgo the resolutions would have been adopted by hearty votes from the heart, no doubt he thinks such resolutions usually are about as worthless, so far as showing real sentiment is concerned, as the proverbially worthless petition that is generally circulated. One can get signers to a petition for mighty nigh anything, from almost anybody, and of course, such petitions are not worth two cents a bushel.—Lumberton Robesonian.

HARNETT COUNTY MAN WANTS TRAINING CAMP

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Mr. W J Olive Makes What is Considered Best Offered Yet Made the War Department and it Will Be Investigated.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—A real effort is being made by W. J. Olive, of Rock Branch, Harnett county, to have the government establish the citizens' training camp near Mr. Olive's home. In a letter to Representative Godwin today Mr. Olive, who is vice president of the Sanford-Rock Branch Development Company, offers to donate a hundred acres of land to the government if Rock Branch is selected as the training camp.

Mr. Olive's offer is considered the most flattering that has yet been offered the government and it is needless to say that Secretary of War Garrison will send officials there to investigate the property to see whether it is suitable for such a camp.

"I will donate one hundred acres of land with a most beautiful location for the citizens' training camp that is now being agitated," says Mr. Olive.

"This land is high and fronts both the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and the best highway in the State, leading from Fayetteville to Sanford.

"I suppose, of course, that some of the various cities in the State will secure this much-coveted prize, but it is in order for me to come along with the 'widows mite.'"

Mr. Godwin has referred the matter to Secretary of War Garrison.

Rock Branch is a station on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line a few miles east of Sanford. P. R. A.

MUST PRESENT WHOLE HOG.

Farmers "Up in Arms" Because of New Meat Law in Greensboro.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 13.—Farmers are again "up in arms" against the city commissioners because of an ordinance that forbids the selling of sausage, liver pudding, spare ribs, pork ham or other products of the hog unless the whole of the animal is inspected by the city meat inspector before the products are offered for sale. The commissioners believe that this is necessary to protect the health of the citizens, but it is not easy for the average farmer to get the city's viewpoint. The man who raises his hog and has products to sell, feels that his meat and the by-products of the hog are good enough for anybody and that he is denied a very great right when he cannot sell sausage and spare ribs without bringing the whole hog to town and have it inspected. The matter came up on complaint of a number of market men of the city.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Southern Pacific railroad officials announced today that investigation of a report that a fisherman found a dynamite bomb under a railroad bridge near Martinez Saturday showed that the dynamite was found under a county highway bridge a quarter of a mile from the railroad.

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARING

On Question of Keeping the Freight Warehouses Open.

Passenger Train Service for Wilmington Subject of Warm Discussion at Special Meeting Chamber of Commerce.

There was a wide divergence of opinion expressed by members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce as to the advisability of keeping local freight warehouses open until a later hour than 4 o'clock for the reception of freight and also with reference to the quality of passenger service Wilmington is getting, at the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. These matters will be considered further at a public hearing to be held by the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the traffic committee, pointed out clearly and succinctly his reasons why the freight warehouses should close at 4 p. m., naming as the chief one the fact that it enables the railroads to make up package cars for various junction points which would be impossible, if the closing hour was later. However, there were several members of the Chamber who were of a different opinion as to the advisability of closing so early.

Another passenger train to Conway, S. C., which will arrive in Wilmington early in the day; the changing of the tri-weekly trains to Fayetteville and Newbern to daily trains; the placing of parlor cars on trains 48 and 48 to the North; the securing of through Pullman service beyond Washington; the establishment of an up-town ticket office in Wilmington, and working out of better schedules and train service to the North were some of the things discussed yesterday.

Mr. W. J. Craig, passenger traffic manager of the Coast Line, pointed out that, while much is being said as to the recuperation of the South from the recent depression, the Atlantic Coast Line has as yet failed to feel much of the impetus and gave figures to prove it. However, the parlor car service on trains 48 and 49 will be restored, he said, even though the past experiments have showed this feature does not pay. As to putting on of new trains or the restoration of the old ones, he did not feel that present conditions warranted it and assured the members of the Chamber that his road is just as anxious as anybody to improve its service.

Mr. M. W. Jacobi made an eloquent plea for better train service into Wilmington, declaring that Wilmington is entitled to it. Mr. J. S. Funchess, president of the Wilmington organization of Commercial Travelers, in behalf of that body presented a petition with a long list of names asking for the restoration of the former train service to Fayetteville, Newbern and Conway.

The meeting was called to order at 4 o'clock by President Hall with a fairly large attendance. Mr. J Allan Taylor, chairman of the traffic committee, was the first to respond to President Hall's invitation to take up the matters for which the meeting had been called. It was decided to discuss the matter of keeping open the warehouses first and follow with the subject of passenger service.

Early Closing Best.

The early closing of freight warehouses is a country-wide movement, Mr. Taylor declared, and one that is designed to facilitate the handling of business. The matter had been gone into quite thoroughly by the traffic committee in August, he said, and he did not feel that he could do more than go over the reasons that had actuated the committe in deciding not to ask for a change then.

He pointed out that the power of an expanding city is its ability to reach out into outlying territory for business. Wilmington enjoys the advantage of having a large number of package cars which are sent out every night to outlying towns and in order to get a freight loaded on these cars it is necessary to have the warehouses close at 4 p. m. so that the bills can be made out for the train which leaves at 10 p. m.

Not only does the sending out of freight the same day it is received improve the value of the service, but it does away with the filing of claims for miscarriage and also results in satisfied customers because of the prompt shipments, he said.

As a large shipper he could safely say that the present plan of early closing is one of efficiency. He discussed the matter at considerable length, pointing out and emphasizing the advantages it offers for getting freight out the same day it is received as over and against the holding of it in the local freight warehouses during the night to go out tht next day.

Answering a question from Mr. W. W. Love, who originally brought up the matter of having the warehouses remain open until a later hour, Mr. A. J. Moore, local agent of the Coast Line, stated that Richmond closes at 4:30, Jacksonville and Tampa at 4, Atlanta at 4, Norfolk at 4:30, and Charleston is now making an effort to make the closing hour 4 o-clock.

Mr. Love thought that with additional help, freight received at 5 o'clock could be dispatched the same day.

Mr. D. L. Gore certainly thought the warehouse could stay open until 5 o'clock in the summer time but Mr. Moore reminded him that trains run on the same schedule winter and summer. Replying to Mr. Love that probably the difficulty could be met by having more drays, Mr. Gore humorously declared that he hadn't made any money in the last year out of his jobbing business and that a little more expense would "bust" him.

Objections Are Made.

Mr. M. W. Jacobi called attention to the fact that other cities have early mails while in Wilmington much of the mail does not get here until after the middle of the day, it being impossible to get some of it until 3 o'clock and that it was a physical impossibility to fill orders in an hours' time.

Mr. Taylor's interrupted Mr. Jacobi to say that it was not a question of mails or passenger train service they were discussing but Mr. Jacobi thought it was a matter that should be considered in this connection, it being a vital factor in his opinion.

Mr. J. S. Funchess stated that he was in the wholesale produce business and while his business was not represented by any committee in the Chamber of Commerce, he thought it should receive some consideration in this connection. He pointed out that Richmond and Charleston are direct

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VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Boys' Brigade Will be in the Field for Honors This Winter in Popular Sport.

Plans were started last night at the regular meeting of the Boys' Brigade for putting out a 'Varsity basketball team this winter. Mr. E. B. Register was elected captain and Mr. H. B. Register coach. Mr. Register has eight teams to select from and practically all the players are candidates for places on the 'varsity team. He says he expects to put the team in the field within two weeks, for honors to represent the Brigade against all comers.

The two leagues in the Brigade have been growing in interest and enthusiasm since they were organized. The Wednesday Night League sprang into existence about the first of October and the Friday Night League a little later. Each league is composed of four teams and has played two game each week since their organization, each playing on the night from which they get their name. With two months practice, they expect to equal any team in this part of the State when the 'varsity is selected from the best in each of the eight individual teams.

Mr. H. B. Register is a good athlete and knows the game from A to Z. He is already recognized as a splendid coach and a great deal is expected of the Brigade 'Varsity basketball team.

The meeting last night was featured by an address by Dr. E. S. Bulluck, one of Wilmington's well known physicians, who is also a student of temporary history. He made a comprehensive talk on the need of National preparedness in case of war. Dr. Bulluck is a man of pleasing personality and the members of the Brigade were delighted with his talk. Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, made the Bible study lesson especially interesting last night.

Important among the business transacted beside the organization of the 'Varsity basketball team, was the election of Mr. W. Rourk as captain of the Wolves, of the Wednesday Night League. Mr. Rourk succeeds Mr. B. S. Brittain, whose business requires too much of his time for him to keep up the work.

Five new members were also added to the roll of the organization. They are Messrs. E. M. Boswell, Donald Merritt, T. M. Mangum and W. A. Simon to Company A, and Mr. Robert Brady, to Company B.

FUNERAL OF DR. VITOU

Death of Beloved Goldsboro Dentist Universally Mourned.

Attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, the funeral of Dr. E. C. Vitou, whose death occurred Saturday night at his home in Goldsboro, was conducted Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock from St. Stephen's Episcopal church, of which he was an exemplary member and also a member of its vestry. Members of local lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows and the Goldsboro Lodge of Elks attended the services in a body. The interment was at that place.

The following from Saturday's Goldsboro Argus will be read with interest by many friends here and elsewhere:

"Dr. Vitou was a dentist of fine repute and a Christian gentleman without reproach, and in every relation of life, as citizen, professional man, churchman, friend, neighbor, husband, father he measured up to the highest ideals and held the respect and cordial good will of all. To say that he will be sadly missed is to pay his memory the tribute of truth; to say that he will be genuinely mourned is but voicing the sentiment of every heart throughout his wide acquaintance.

"Dr. Vitou began his professional career in the old seaport town of Southport, where he was also one of its most valued constructive citizens, being, among other progressive potentialities, a member of its school board, and a charter member of its first bank.

"Subsequently he moved to Goldsboro, and here he soon became so thoroughly identified with our community life and progressive energies that we soon came to look upon him as one of our own—and this was what he ever wished to be. He was modestly but forcibly identified with every commendable movement for the uplift and progress of the city.

"Some years after locating here Dr. Vitou was happily married to Miss Annie K. Harper, of Wilmington, who with two small children survive him, and these have the tenderest condolence of all Goldsboro in their irreparably sad bereavement. He is survived also by three brothers and one sister, all living in far away Western towns, one brother being in South Bend, Ind.; another in Portland, Ore., the other in Cleveland, Ohio, and his sister in Tacoma, Washington.

MORE SITES AVAILABLE.

DuPonts Would Find Many Locations for Powder Works Near Here.

Supplementing a telegram previously sent, inviting the DuPont powder people to consider the splendid advantages of the Wilmington section for the location of their proposed additional plant in Eastern Carolina, Mr. J. B. Rice, chairman of the Manufacturers' Committee of the Rotary Club, last night further telegraphed the big munitions company as follows:

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"J. B. Rice, Chairman, Mfg. Committee."

Mr. Rice stated last night that thus far he has received no reply to the original invitation of the club for the company to locate a plant here, but that a reply by letter was expected in a few days. He feels very much encouraged at the outlook for a possible location of this big industry in the Wilmington section.

NO SUPERIOR COURT THIS WEEK.

Judge F. A. Daniels Sick, According to Telegram to Major Harriss.

A telegram was received yesterday afternoon by Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of Superior Court, stating that Judge F. A. Daniels is ill at his home at Goldsboro and will be unable to come to Wilmington tomorrow to hold court. As a consequence of this, there will be no Superior Court this week.

A message was received Sunday, postponing the opening from Monday to Wednesday, whereupon the New Hanover bar met yesterday in the office of the clerk and arranged the docket for the latter part of the week, but this will now have to be changed again when court opens.

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TO ENFORCE COMPULSORY LAW

Only Small Percentage of Children in New Hanover Are Not in School. Board of Education.

Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, intends to make a special effort through the teachers and through the Mothers' Clubs to secure the attendance at the rural schools in New Hanover county of the children within the compulsory school age, which is 12 to 18 years inclusive. According to the reports there are only 35 white and 62 colored children within the compulsory attendance ages who are not attending the public schools, Professor Catlett stated in his monthly report to the Board of Education yesterday afternoon.

According to the census there are 392 white and 467 colored children in the county, between 12 and 18 years of age. The large majority of the pupils in the rural schools are in the first, second and third grades.

All the members of the Board were present, including Chairman J. O. Carr and Messrs. B. Solomon and J. G. L. Gieschen. The usual routine matters including the auditing of the accounts, were transacted. Chairman Carr called attention to the action of the last grand jury which suggested that there should be a school established in district No. 20 at Carolina Beach and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted by the board:

"Whereas, The school in District No. 20 has been closed because the last report showed only four in attendance; and whereas 23 pupils of school age are shown by the census of 1915 and there are only seven who can be forced to attend under the compulsory law,

"Resolved, That the committee be allowed to employ a teacher beginning work on the first week in January, 1916, provided they can secure a pledge of 12 pupils to attend the school for three months, or more; and said school be continued as long as said attendance may be secured up until the close of the other schools in the county."

Professor Catlett concluded his monthly report with the following:

"Systematic and efficient work was done in the moonlight schools for adult illiterates by the regular teachers, and valuable aid was given by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, by Sorcsis Society and by volunteer workers. In the rural sections, Delgado, Castle Haynes and Seagate, found sufficient numbers to justify the opening of schools.

"I refrain from giving statistics at present as I wish to give only adult illiterates or those over 21 years of age. Some pupils under 21 were enrolled. These should not be counted, as they unfairly increase the number of adult illiterates. Some of the boys ought to have been in the regular schools. I believe that great good has resulted from the lessons, and I witnessed many expressions of delight by those who for the first time had been able to read and write their names. The work will be continued in the spring.

"The Women's Clubs, which have been organized in the districts, have been of inestimable value. They have created an interest by the neighborhood in the school and in sending the children regularly to school.

"Among special results, the Scott's Hill school has purchased an organ; Myrtle Grove held Arbor Day, planted trees, and held a social gathering of the people; Acorn Branch school is about to accept a Bible and flag, with appropriate exercises, from the Junior Order; Winter Park school has been presented by the Red Cross Society with a full sized First Aid Box; and all of the school districts with their women's organizations, show greater life and interest."

IN FRONT STREET MARKET.

Messrs. Davis & Hintze Take Front of Main Building.

Messrs. Davis & Hintze, who for the past two years had been operating an up-to-date market in the rear of the Front Street market building, have secured the front of the building, which had been occupied by J. J. Hopkins & Son, and have moved into it. The firm members are Messrs. E. Y. Davis and J. H. Hintze.

Their market is now one of the best equipped in the State. The room is large and gives ample space for conducting a big business. All the counters and the cooler are kept at a preserving temperature by a cold air system, that is especially convenient beside being the most sanitary way in which to keep meats cold. All the store rooms are well screened, thus giving good ventilation, and keeping out flies and insects.

On the south side of the building they have a store room in which they sell green groceries, fruits and delicatessen. Messrs. Davis & Hintze are well pleased with their new location and invite their customers to come and look it over.

HON. THEO. MARBURG ABSENT

Was on Programme for Address in Charleston Last Night.

The programme of the Southern Commercial Congress in Charleston last night was somewhat modified because of the absence of Hon. Theodore Marburg, former American ambassador to Belgium, who has gone to Europe on account of his son, Mr. Theodore Marburg, Ja., being wounded while serving in the French army aviation corps. Former Ambassador Marburg was on the programme last night for an address before the Southern Commercial Congress in support of the "League to Enforce Peace," which was organized in Philadelphia last June with former President Taft as permanent president. The news that young Mr. Marburg had been injured was received in Wilmington Saturday. His mother was Miss Fannie Grainger, of this city, before her marriage to Hon. Theodore Marburg.

BEN WILLIAMS GETS 30 DAYS.

Found Guilty of Non-Support—Other Cases Before the Recorder.

Ben Williams, colored, who was sent to the Recorder's court from Justice Harriss, was sent to the county roads yesterday being found guilty of non-support of his wife. He was also charged with assaulting her, but the State failed to sustain the case.

Jerry McKoy, colored, paid costs for striking another negro with his fist. James Cook, colored, was tried for shooting fireworks on the street, but judgment was held open until the 20th of this month.

General Barfield, colored, was given a sentence of 60 days to the county roads in default of $25 bond, for violating the prohibition law.

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WILL COLLECT BACK TAXES

Annual Reports of Auditor Orrell Received by County Commissioners at Meeting Yesterday.

Following the reading of the annual report of Mr. J. A. Orrell, county auditor and treasurer, in which he recommended that some steps be taken to collect the back taxes due the county of New Hanover, the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting yesterday afternoon authorized a committee composed of Chairman W. A. McGirt, Auditor Orrell and County Attorney W. P. Stacy to arrange with a local attorney for the collection of these taxes on a percentage basis. The committee was given power to act and will likely close a contract within a few days with a lawyer to push the collection of these taxes.

The meeting of the Commissioners was held for the purpose of receiving the annual financial reports of Auditor Orrell. It was ordered that 250 copies of the reports be printed for distribution. The reports give all the details of the receipts and expenditures for the different county institutions for the past year.

In re-writing the back tax book during the past year, so as to show what is due on each block, Auditor Orrell stated in his report that it was found that there is $30,000 due for back taxes. During the past year only $1,623.60 was collected on back taxes. Auditor Orrell reported that the amounts of taxes due on property, ordered sold for taxes, for the past three years was as follows: 1914, $3,506.88; 1913, $2,514; 1912, $1,556.50. In view of the fact that the amounts have been gradually increasing, the auditor thought that something ought to be done to remedy the situation.

No action was taken yesterday afternoon on the resignation of Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, and it went over until the next meeting. The resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, urging that Mr. Herring be retained was ordered filed.

A resolution was adopted asking that the bookkeeping of the James Walker Memorial Hospital be so arranged as to show the cost of treating charity patients and pay patients separately in order that the county and city may know just how much money is required for the treatment of charity patients.

Mr. W. S. Cornish was continued as keeper of Oak Grove cemetery at a salary of $25, which is a slight increase over what he has been receiving.

It was ordered that a house be built for the keeper of the draw bridge at Castle Haynes. There has been some complaint recently about the bridge not bein goperated properly.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to look into the system of handling the prisoners at the county workhouse and the county home reported progress.

MR. MOORE'S HOTEL BURNED

Former Wilmington Councilman Suffered Loss at Hopewell.

Former Councilman B. C. Moore, who went from Wilmington several months ago to build and operate the Tarrytown hotel, at Hopewell, Va., incident to the opening of the DuPont Powder factory, stated in a recent communication to Mr. Waldo Moore, manager of his drug store on North Fourth street, that his building, which was of wood, was a total loss, although he had it two-thirds covered with insurance. The building was three-story, structure, had about 50 rooms, a splendid restaurant and was doing a fine business when the fire occurred. The building was located in the central part of the business section and was wiped out soon after the fire started.

Mr. Moore stated that he expects to continue there and build a brick hotel, as most of the rebuilding of Hopewell will be of substantial nature. The letter related many interesting incidents regarding the great conflagration.

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BELK BROTHERS

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bleuthenthal visited friends in Goldsboro Sunday.

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Mrs. A. Shrier has returned to the city after several months' traveling in the West and Northwest.

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Mrs. Thomas W. Wood, of this city, and Mrs. Dal F. Wooten, of Kinston, are visiting relatives in Savannah, Ga.

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After a pleasant visit in Knoxville, Tenn., as the guest of Mrs. J. B. Angel, Miss Gladys Peele has returned to her home here.

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Capt. and Mrs. Preston H. Uberroth have returned to the city and are visiting Mrs. Louise Wright, No. 1617 Market street.

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Having enjoyed a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Lawson, here, Mrs. S. H. McLean and little son, Samuel Hardwick, have returned to their home in Columbia, S. C.

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Yesterday's Raleigh Times: "Mrs. N. N. Davis and Miss Maria Walker, of Wilmington, returned home today after visiting at the home of Judge Platt D. Walker."

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The regular business and social meeting of the Lydia Yates Bible class will be held this evening in Grace Methodist church. A good attendance is expected.

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The Housewives' League will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A feature of the meeting will be talks by Mr. Frank Mead and Miss Ida Black. A large attendance is desired.

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The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the parlors of the church. All ladies of the congregation are invited to be present.

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Miss Berniece Chambless, of Birmingham, Ala., is the attractive guest of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Enos, at their home, No. 118 1-2 Market street. Miss Chambless has visited in Wilmington before and has many friends here.

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St. Agnes Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will hold its annual Christmas sale of fancy articles, lingerie, dressed dolls and candy tomorrow morning, beginning at 10:3 0a. m. in the Housewives' League Rest Room.

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There were 483 Red Cross seals sold at the postoffice yesterday by the ladies of the American Red Cross Society, which is considered a splendid start. Mrs. A. D. McClure and Mrs. W. B. Shuler will be the chaperones today.

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Clarendon Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, is preparing to entertain the members this evening at a supper, to be given in the dining room of the Colonial Apartments, Third and Market streets. Mr. E. T. Hancock is chairman of the committee in charge.

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Yesterday's Raleigh Times: "Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Cade and Master William Albert, Jr., were in the city today returning to Newbern. Since attending Conference at Wilmington Mr. and Mrs. Cade have been visiting relatives at Durham and in Harnett county."

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Mrs. Robert Nash, of St. Louis, who is here visiting Mrs. H. K. Nash, No. 511 South Fifth street, leaves this morning for Augusta, Ga., to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Harry Lathan, whose death occurred there last evening at 6:30 o'clock.

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The Parish Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will hold its annual sale of fancy goods and useful articles in the parish house beginning at 3 o'clock, Thursday, December 16. Supper, consisting of coffee, tea, sandwiches and salads, will be served from 6:30 to 10 p. m.

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The teachers' meeting of Grace Methodist Sunday school, which was called for this evening at 8 o'clock, has been postponed until tomorrow evening after prayer meeting. The change was made in order to avoid conflicting with the meeting of the Lydia Yates Bible class. All teachers, and any others interested in the work, are urged to attend.

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The Ladies' Aid Society, the Philathea class, Junior Philathea class, Junior Baraca class and Sunbeams, will hold a bazaar this afternoon in the Sunday school Department of Calvary Baptist church. Each of these departments will have booths, and there will be in addition a "Country Store." Refreshments will be served, and a good time is promised all, who attend.

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Articles suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale today from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., by Mrs. J. S. Crowley, No. 508 South Third street. These articles consist of embroidery, fine linen for shirt waists, Chinese dolls, etc., and were sent Mrs. Crowley by Mrs. George Worth for the benefit of the work. Many of these articles were made by the pupils of the Luola Murchison Sprunt school.

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MURPHY-SUSKIND WEDDING OF INTEREST IN WILMINGTON.

The following account of the marriage of Mr. P. H. Murphy, formerly of this city, now of Jacksonville, Fla., to Miss Freida Suskind, of that city, on last Thursday, which is from the Florida Times-Union, will be of interest to his many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere:

"The marriage of Miss Freida Suskin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Suskin, and Mr. P. H. Murphy was solemnized last evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Hubbard street, Springfield, in the presence of interested relatives and friends.

"The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. C. H. H. Bloor, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, South Jacksonville.

"The living room, where the ceremony was performed, was artistically decorated for the occasion in a green and white color scheme, potted plants and roses being used with pleasing effect.

"Promptly at the appointed hour, to the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, played by Prof. Wilhelm Meyer, the wedding party entered the room. During the ceremony Master Felix Meyer rendered a violin solo.

"First came the little flower girl, Miss Maude Squires, immediately preceding the bride, who entered on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. The matron of honor, Mrs. Edward Squires, came last. They were met at the improvised altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. A. Anderson, and here the ceremony was performed.

"The bride was lovely in her wedding gown of pearl gray silk, with trimmings of real lace, the gown having been worn by her mother on a similar occasion. Her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried an arm bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

"The matron of honor wore a white lace gown fashioned over taffeta and her flowers were an arm bouquet of white roses and ferns.

"The little flower girl wore a dainty lingerie frock trimmed with lace and pink ribbons. She carried a basket of white roses.

"Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held, and a buffet supper was served.

"During the evening the bride and groom left for a wedding trip to St. Augustine, where they will spend their honeymoon.

"The bride traveled in a stylish suit of African brown, with hat and gloves to match.

"Both the bride and groom have a host of friends in this city who will be interested in their marriage. After their honeymoon they will return to Jacksonville to make their home.

"Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. S. M. Murphy, mother of the groom, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Kate Murphy, sister of the groom, also of Wilmington."

REGULAR MEETING TODAY.

Rotary Club Will Discuss Road Gathering to be Held at Burgaw.

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association. There will be a number of matters to be considered but probably the most important will be that of making arrangements for the road meeting to be held at Burgaw next Friday. It is announced that it is important that all the members attend.

The different committees appointed to make arrangements for the road meeting at Burgaw are actively at work and will be able to report much progress. Among those who will make addresses at the meeting Friday will be Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington; State Senator Rivers Johnson, of Warsaw, and Maj. Geo. E. Butler, of Clinton. It is expected that there will be several thousand people present at the gathering.

LIVE OAK CAMP ELECTS

Woodmen of World Have Annual Election of Officers for Coming Year.

The annual election of officers of Live Oak Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of the World, was held last night at the regular meeting and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Past Consul Commander—E. D. Harvey.
Consul Commander—W. E. Davis.
Advisor Lieutenant—T. N. Cordes.
Banker—W. H. Howell.
Clerk—George C. Jackson, Jr.
Escort—J. H. Farrar.
Watchman—W. J. Swails.
Sentry—H. J. McCartney.
Managers—W. G. A. Otersen, John E. Wood and J. W. Fleet.
Camp Physicians—Drs. John Thames, Ernest Bulluck, R. H. Bellamy and J. A. Dosher.

These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting on January 10.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HOWARD.

Impressive Service Yesterday Morning. Burial in Bellevue.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Howard, widow of Mr. William Howard, whose death occurred at her home, No. 707 South Fifth street, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, was conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from Sixth Street Advent church, by Elder J. W. S. Harvey. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. L. Sanford, D. C. Littleton, H. F. Crandall and G. E. I. Crandall.

Died in Augusta, Ga.

Many friends here will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Harry Lathan, which occurred at his home in Augusta, Ga., yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Lathan formerly lived here, with his mother, Mrs. William Cronly, and had a host of friends. His sister, Mrs. Robert Nash, whose home is in St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. K. Nash, No. 511 South Third street, and leaves this morning for Augusta to attend the funeral. Mr. Lathan was in his 40th year and is survived by his mother and two sisters, and many other relatives.

Strawberries in December.

Those who have been disposed to remonstrate with the weather man for the unusually low temperatures in this section for the past fortnight, will probably compromise their feelings towards the forecaster when it is stated that yesterday The Star received from Mr. J. E. Henry, of Long Creek, Pender county, a sample of ripe strawberries which he picked out of his patch this week. Mr. Henry writes that they are of the Missionary variety and that the plants in mid-December are full of green ones.

Arrested Escape Yesterday.

Sheriff S. P. Cowan, in company with Deputies Keen and Kelly, yesterday caught Odis Fennel, an escape from the Pender county jail, who got away from there just before the last court in that county. Officials have been notified and today he will be taken back to Burgaw.

See our attractive display of furs, C. H. Fore & Co.—Advertisement.

Ruinous Curling Iron No Longer Necessary

The woman whose hair has been burnt dreads the hot curling iron. She knows only too well how destructive to the life and beauty of the hair this instrument of torture is. She will therefore welcome the information that a simple product to be found at any drug store will not only give her tresses the desired wavy effect, but without burning, discoloring, streaking or injuring hair or scalp in any way. It is nothing more than plain silmerine in liquid form. It should be applied to the hair with a clean tooth brush, preferably at night.

A convenient way is to divide the hair into strands and moisten these one at a time from root to tip. In the morning the hair will be found beautifully wavy and curly, having the appearance of perfect naturalness, no matter how the hair is done up. The effect lasts a considerable time and one need get only a few ounces of the liquid silmerine. This, by the way, is neither greasy nor sticky.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. T. John, Jr., of John's station, was here yesterday on a business trip, a guest at The Orton.

—Hon. Fred Harper, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting relatives here. Mr. Harper has many friends here who are glad to see him.

—Capt. C. S. Ridley, engineer in charge of the local United States Engineer's office, made an inspection trip yesterday at Fort Caswell.

—It will be unpleasant news to many friends to know that Mr. J. A. Page, who has returned to his home, No. 409 Grace street, from Hopewell, Va., where he has recently been employed, is suffering from blood poisoning in one of his feet.

—Mr. R. E. Lee Brown, of Chadbourn, spent yesterday and last night in the city. Mr. Brown is one of the leading spirits of the enterprising county of Columbus and speaks encouragingly of the business outlook for the coming year.

LOCAL DOTS.

—George Nelson and James Sykes, will appear this morning in the Recorder's court to answer to a charge of having had an affray.

—The British steamer Elsiston, 1,843 tons, Captain Niven, arrived in port yesterday from Genoa, Italy. The vessel came to Alex. Sprunt & Son and is docked at the Champion Compress wharves, where she will take on a cargo of cotton.

—A deed was filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday made by the Hanover Trust Company to the American National Bank, for $10 and other considerations, four lots, No. 6, 36 and 37 in block C; lots No. 6, 11, 16 and 17 in block E; and lot No. 8 in block F, of Winter Park Heights.

THE ROADS ARE GOOD.

Expected That Large Delegation Will Go to Burgaw Friday.

The road from Wilmington to Burgaw is in first class condition, according to a report brought back by a Wilmington automobilist, who returned to Wilmington last night. He stated that no automobilist need not hesit ateresi no automobilist need not hesitate to take his machine to go to that place from Wilmington, Clinton and other places to discuss plansforsecu ring a places to discuss plans for securing a highway from this city to Fayetteville.

Addresses will be made by Judge W. P. Stacy, C. E. McCullen, Esq., of Burgaw; Maj. George E. Butler, of Clinton; State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, and other prominent citizens of the counties interested.

Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., who is chairman of the committee for securing automobiles for the trip, is meeting with much success in his efforts. There is much interest in the undertaking.

Transferred to Norfolk.

Friends of Mr. Will W. Miller will be pleased to know of his promotion from assistant foreman of the Wilmington yards of the Pullman Company to the foremanship of the yards at Portsmouth, Va., Norfolk district, succeeding Mr. Russell, who comes to the yards here while Mr. L. P. Russell, the retiring foreman, goes to be foreman of the yards at St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Miller left for his new station last night, carrying with him the best wishes of a host of friends here.

Look and Feel Clean, Sweet and Fresh Every Day

Drink a glass of real hot water before breakfast to wash out poisons.

Life is not merely to live, but live well, eat well, digest well, work well, sleep well, look well. What a glorious condition to attain, and yet how very easy it is if one will only adopt the morning inside bath.

Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the water and phosphate is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble, rheumatism; others who have sallow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store which will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

GOES TO BOSTON.

Mr. J. Harry Hayden Returns to R. G. Dun & Company Service.

Mr. J. Harry Hayden, of this city, for the past three months one of the "live wires" with the real estate agency of Messrs. J. G. Wright & Son, has resigned his position with that firm, effective December 27th, and leaves the first of the year for Boston, Mass., where he will rejoin the forces of R. G. Dun & Co., the well known mercantile agency, as city reporter in the big Massachusetts city.

Mr. Hayden's friends will regret to give him up as a resident of Wilmington, but will be glad to know of his larger business connection and will wish him every success. He was formerly with R. G. Dun & Co., for some eight years and is not new to the work. At different times he has been located in Chattanooga, Norfolk, Wilmington and other offices of the company in the South.

FUNERAL OF MISS CATES.

Young Lady Died from Poisoning at St. Augustine, Fla.

The funeral of Miss Jennie Cates, whose death occurred Saturday night at her home in St. Augustine, Fla., as a result of having taken bichloride of mercury through mistake, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Yopp's undertaking parlors on Princess street, by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. T. W. Watts, G. W. Autry, Tim Robinson and George F. Duke.

Miss Cates, who at one time lived in this city, is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cates, and three sisters, Misses Lucile and Dorothy Cates, and Mrs. Pearl Kirkpatrick, of St. Augustine, who accompanied the remains to this city. Miss Cates was in the 24th year of her age.

STREETS BEING IMPROVED

Work Started Yesterday on Chestnut Street.

Work was begun yesterday tearing up Chestnut street from Fifth to Seventh, with a view to rebuilding it with macadam, it having been recently improved up to Fifth street. Work has also been recently done on Walnut, Front to Second, and Ann, from Second to Third streets, besides many others in different sections of the city. This work is being done under the direction of Superintendent John J. Furlong, who is being much complimented on his splendid work.

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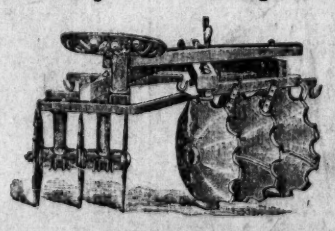

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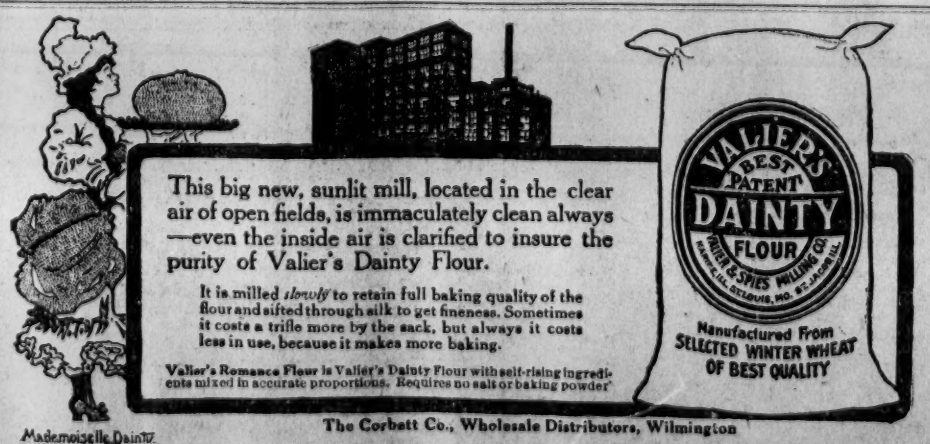
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET EXCITED

Liquidation Causes Break Early in Day of $2 Per Bale—Prices Rally and Close at Small Loss.

New York, Dec. 13.—A renewal of excited and general liquidation caused a break of approximately $2 per bale in the cotton here early today with May selling off to 12.25 or nearly $5 per bale under the high level of last week. Offerings then tapered off and prices rallied during the afternoon, with May selling up to 12.66 and closing at 12.65. The general list closed steady at a net loss of 1 to 4 points.

The early selling was considered a continuation of the pressure where developed here Saturday. Failure of Friday's government estimuate and stimulate fresh or aggressive demand of consequence, apepared to have disturbed bullish confidence, while the weakness of Saturday's market had caused additional uneasiness.

The decline uncovered stop loss orders and after opening at loss of 19 to 41 points, active months sold about 33 to 33 points under Saturday's final figures. This decline carried January contracts off to 11.85, March to 12.06 and July to 12.33, but around these prices there was heavy buying by local trade interests and houses with Liverpool connections. The English market had not fully responded to the local decline of Saturday and the big early break here led to a further widening of the differences between the two rings and the covering by the English straddles shorts during the first hour was estimate at 75,000 bales, with some estimating that the straddle short interest had been reduced by fully 250,000 bales during the past week. This absorption of contracts evidently made itself felt and the market became much steadier during the afternoon on covering and further trade buying, with January up to 12.16, March to 12.42 and July to 12.77.

Reports of relatively steady spot markets helped the improvement and the close was at practically the best.

Closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	12.11	12.16	11.85	12.16
March	12.28	12.42	12.06	12.41
May	12.35	12.66	12.25	12.65
July	12.35	12.77	12.33	12.74
October	11.95	12.34	11.90	12.33

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.15; sales 1,800 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11.94; receipts, 7,105; exports, 20,190; sales, 647; stock, 352,679.

Galveston—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 10,008; exports, 11,104; sales, 631; stock, 314,958.

Mobile—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 60; sales, 50; stock, 25,642.

Savannah—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 5,370; exports, 1,265; stock, 234,642.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,338; stock, 102,887.

Wilmington — Receipts, 474; stock, 50,438.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 4,740; exports, 1,300; sales, 605; stock, 128,165.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,286.

Boston — Middling, 12.35; receipts, 50; stock, 10,500.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.40; stock, 2,596.

New York—Middling, 12.15; exports, 2,136; stock, 362,976.

Minor ports—Receipts, 8,543; exports, 8,543; stock, 44,490.

Total today — Receipts, 37,688; exports, 43,273; stock, 1,576,259.

Total for week—Receipts, 89,856; exports, 80,774.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,559,714; exports, 2,027,653.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 26,171; shipments, 23,836; sales, 1,107; stock, 221,234.

Memphis—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 10,418; shipments, 6,686; sales, 300; stock, 321,997.

Augusta—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 1,798; shipments, 333; sales, 658; stock, 203,193.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¾; receipts, 1,368; shipments, 1,309; stock, 14,010.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 4,483; shipments, 1,984; stock, 20,651.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 1,588; shipments, 384; sales, 384; stock, 46,210.

Dallas—Middling, 11.75.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50.

Total today—Receipts, 45,826; shipments, 34,532; stock, 827,095.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chcago, Dec. 13. — Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 6.00@6.50; light, 5.60@6.40; mixed, 5.95@6.70; heavy, 6.15@6.75; rough, 6.15@6.30; pigs, 4.25@5.65.

Cattle—Strong. Christmas beeves, 11.00@11.50; native beef steers, 5.50@10.75; cows and heifers, 2.75@8.50; calves, 6.75@10.35.

Sheep—Unsettled. Wethers, 6.15@6.85; ewes, 4.25@6.35; lambs, 7.10@9.50.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Hammering by Bearish Traders Depresses the Market.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Hammering by bearish traders depressed the cotton market here 33 to 40 points, -2 a bale on some months, around the opening today, but the pressure was not maintained and a gradual recovery took place. The close was within a point or two of the highest showing, a net loss on the most active months of only 4 to 5 points. Toward the close the market had a firm undertone and shorts bid prices up on themselves.

Cables were better than due, but the opening saw heavy offerings. A moderate volume of stop-loss orders was caught on the initial slump but a demand sprang up which sellers found difficulty in filling. One of the chief sources of strength was the refusal of interior spot holders to follow the decline in the contract markets. Some points even wired in that factories had locked their doors. Locally many sample tables were covered up and Texas towns sent in messages to the effect that sellers were refusing prices a quarter of a cent above the basis to which the decline in futures had put quotations. In the morning, a large business was done, but later the market became stagnant. Toward the close, however, the ring did a brisk business.

Futures closed steady; closing bid: January 12.02; March 12.33; May 12.55; July 12.69; October 12.29.

Spot cotton quiet, 19 points off; sales on the spot 427 bales; to arrive 220 bales; middling 11.94

WHEAT PRICES ARE HIGHER

Falling Off in U. S. Visible Supply Total Sends Market Up 1¼c. to 2⅛c. at the Close.

Chicago, Dec. 13. — Unexpected falling off in United States visible supply total gave decided impetus today to an advance in the wheat market here.

The close, although unsettled, was 1¼c. to 2⅛c. net higher, with December at 1.15⅛ and May at 1.17⅛@¼.

Corn finished ⅛ to ¼c. down; oats, up ¼ to ⅜, and provisions varying from 5c. off to a rise of 12½.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat — December, 1.15⅛; May, 1.17⅛.

Corn—December, 67⅜; May, 71.

Oats—December, 41¾; May, 45.

Pork—January, 18.15; May, 18.17.

Lard—January, 9.57; May, 9.87.

Ribs—January, 9.62; May, 9.95.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.12; No. 2, hard, 1.14⅝@1.16; No. 3, hard, 1.08@1.10.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 72; No. 4, yellow, new, 64¾@66; No. 4, white, 64@65¾.

MARINE.

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Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,843 tons, Niven, Genoa, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 13.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52c.

ROSIN—$5.35, $5.45.

TAR—$2.30-9½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 43. Rosin, $3.20. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .. ..(—)

Rosin ... ...(—)

Tar 42

Crude Turpentine 32

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 100 barrels; tar, 45 barrels; crude turpentine, 1 barrel.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11c. Quotations same day last year, 6¾c.

Receipts—422 bales; same day last year, 2,160 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 132,617 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 78,986 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 13.

Atlantic Coast Line—328 bales cotton; 42 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—94 bales cotton.

Str. Thelma—26 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—422 bales cotton; 42 barrels tar; 32 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 13.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; Lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 13.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 13.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, first quality, 70c. per bu.; old, damaged, 40c. to 60c per bu.; new, dry and clean, $1.00 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2⅞c. per lb.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.67; demand, 4.7125; cables, 4.72. Bar silver, 55⅝; Mexican dollars, 42½. Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 2¼@2½; ninety days, 2½@2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, steady. Ruling rate, 1¾.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 13: — Sugar—Raw, easy; centrifugal, 4.89; molasses, 4.12; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Quiet. No. 7, Ro, 7¾; No. 4, Santos, 9c.

Butter—Steadier.

Cheese—Firm.

STOCKS QUIET AND HAEVY

Combination of Foreign and Domestic selling Results in Variable Changes, Mainly Downward.

New York, Dec. 13.—Washington's firm attitude toward Vienna regarding the sinking of the Ancona furnished the most likely reason for today's listless and heavy market. A combination of foreign and domestic selling, the latter largely, resulted in variable changes, mainly downward.

The trading element again concentrated its attacks upon United States Steel, the Pacific group of rails, Reading and Baltimore & Ohio. Declines in these issues extended from 1 to almost 2 points. New York Central was the only noteworthy exception to the lower levels reached by rails.

American Tobacco was weak, sustaining an extreme loss of nine points at 200 with sympathetic declines in kindred issues. People's Gas of Chicago, dropped 5 3-4 to 112 and the more prominent war shares were 2 to 5 points lower. Bethlehem Steel on one sale dropped 16 points to 455 and the preferred last 5 to 150. Later Bethlehem common rallied to 469.

General Motors, common and preferred, Studebaker and Texas Company, the latter selling ex-dividend, constituted the only strong features of the session which lapsed into complete stagnation and lowest prices in the final hour. Feeble recoveries were registered at the close.

A development of broad financial interest was the decline in exchange on Germany to 77 1-2, probably the lowest rate quoted in the history of banking relations between this center and Berlin. All other forms of foreign remittances were lower.

Cables announcing the intention of the British chancellor of the exchequer to purchase American securities, paying for them in five year, 5 per cent treasury bonds, confirmed recent reports of a general mobilization of such securities now held in Great Britain. The effect of this maneuver seems to have partly discounted in the recent recurrence of foreign liquidation. Anglo-French, bonds repeated last week's low price of 94 3-4 for future delivery, while cash trades were effected at 98 and "regular way" 96 1-4.

The general bond list was under constant pressure. Total sales, par value, aggregated $2,990,000. United State registered 4s advanced 1-2 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31½
American Beet Sugar	69½
American Can	59⅝
American Car and Foundry	78¾
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56
American Locomotive	68½
American Smelting	97
American Sugar	115¼
American Tel and Tel	128¾
American Tobacco	204
Anaconda Copper	84⅝
Atchison	105⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	113¼
Baldwin Locomotive	111¾
Baltimore and Ohio	92
Bethlehem Steel	469
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¼
Canadian Pacific	178½
Central Leather	53½
Chesapeake and Ohio	61⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16⅞
Consolidated Gas	143
Crucible Steel	71½
Erie	42⅜
General Electric	175
General Motors	549½
Great Northern, pfd	125⅜
Illinois Central	108
Interborough Consol. Corp.	21¼
Kansas City Southern	30⅜
Lehigh Valley	80¼
Louisville and Nashville	127
Liggett and Myers	250
Lorillard Co	182½
Missouri, Kans. and Tex., pfd	17
Mexican Petroleum	91¼
National Lead	63
New York Central	104⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	74½
Norfolk and Western	120½
Northern Pacific	115⅝
Pennsylvania	58¾
Reading	80¾
Rep. Iron and Steel	54½
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	111⅞
Seaboard Air Line	17⅜
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39¾
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	61½
Studebaker Corporation	165⅝
Southern Pacific	100½
Southern Railway	21¾
Southern Railway, pfd	61⅝
Tennessee Copper	56
Texas Co., ex. div	211½
Texas and Pacific	14
Union Pacific	136⅝
United States Rubber	53½
United States Steel	85⅝
United States Steel, pfd	116½
Utah Copper	78⅞
Virginia Caro. Chem	46¼
Western Union	88½
Westinghouse Electric	67
Great Northern Ore	47⅜
Wabash B. W. I.	28½
Va. I., C. and C	58
Missouri Pacific	4
United Fruit	146

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 13. — Cotton, spot, easier. Good middling, 7.92; middling, 7.55; low middling, 7.07. Sales, 10,000; for speculation and export, 1,000; receipts, 21,000.

Futures, irregular. December, 7.31; December-January, 7.30; January-February, 7.29½; February-March, 7.28½; March-April, 7.27½; April-May, 7.24; May-June, 7.20; June-July, 7.17; July-August, 7.13½; August-September, 6.91½; September-October, 6.79; October-November, 6.74.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13. — Cotton goods were quiet and steady and yarns were firm today. Raw silk was easier. Dress goods tended to higher levels.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 13. — Turpentine, firm, 52½; sales, 198; receipts, 881; shipments, 70; stock, 15,760.

Rosin—Quiet. Sales, none; receipts, 1,467; shipments, 1,180; stock, 77,669. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 5.50@5.55; F, G, 5.55; H, 5.55 to 5.60; I, 5.70; K, 5.95 to 6.10; M, 6.30; N, 6.70; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

C. H. Fore & Co., are showing a very attractive assortment of furs.—Advertisement.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 14, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; at 8 P. M., 42 degree; maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .76 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 3.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair and somewhat colder Tuesday, Wednesday fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 14, 1915.

Sun rises .. ..7:09 A. M.
Sun sets .. ..5:04 P. M.
Day's length .. ..9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	4:08	4:36	11:24	11:46
Southport	2:10	2:28	8:22	8:48
Masonboro Inl	1:59	2:17	8:02	8:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 13, 1915.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	clear	60	28	.0
Asheville	cldy	32	32	.04
Atlanta	cldy	40	36	.0
Augusta	clear	48	38	.0
Baltimore	pt cldy	38	—	.36
Birmingh	clear	42	36	.0
Boston	—	—	28	—
Charleston	clear	50	36	.0
Charlotte	clear	42	32	.01
Chicago	clear	28	28	.01
Galveston	clear	58	50	.0
Jacksonv	clear	58	40	.0
Memphis	clear	44	34	.0
Mobile	clear	58	38	.0
Montgom'y	clear	50	40	.0
New Orl.	clear	60	48	.0
New York	snow	36	30	1.08
Oklahoma	clear	56	30	.0
Palestine	clear	62	40	.0
Pittsburg	snow	32	32	.26
Raleigh	clear	44	30	.10
Savannah	clear	52	40	.0
Shreveport	clear	58	38	.0
St. Louis	clear	40	32	.0
Washing'n	pt cldy	38	30	.28

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13. — In the absence of trade demand, the market for cotton seed oil was a reflection of cotton as far as the course of prices was concerned, early losses of 5 to 12 points were regained, final prices being two lower for June and one to two net higher for the balance. Sales, 15,800 barrels.

Closed steady. Spot, 8.23; December, 8.24@8.26; January, 8.26@8.28; February, 8.28@8.30; March, 8.29@8.31; April, 8.34@8.37; May, 8.43@8.45; June, 8.46@8.48; July, 8.52@8.53.

Total sales, 15,100.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Bearsley and wife, Sarah E. Bearsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 16, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A, on the Revised Map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 6o, at page 46o of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E, 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with nelessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 68, at page 288 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 272.

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DEPARTURES.	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 60. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 51. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 53. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 59. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 41. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
In Effect November 15, 1915.
WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:26 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	c d3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	c6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:56 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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CARRANZA NULLIFIES ACTS OTHER REGIMES

Notice Reaches Mexican Embassy at Washington.

Holding Concessions Granted by Huerta and Conventionist Officials Must be Renewed by De Facto Government.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Formal notice of the nullification by General Carranza of "all acts, contracts and concessions" of the Huerta and conventionist governments in Mexico reached the Mexican embassy here today from Mexico City.

The order is effective immediately. It notifies individuals and corporations holding concessions granted by Huerta and conventionist government officials that it will be necessary for them to make new applications "exactly as though no such concessions had heretofore existed."

The embassy also was advised today that persons charged with sedition in Mexico would be tried by the Carranza government under the special law of 1862, which gives authority for imposition of the death penalty and allows no appeal.

Permission granted today by the State Department for passage of Carranza troops through American territory from Agua Prieta to Ojibago is believed here to have given General Obregon an opportunity to close up three sides of the big rectangle in which General Villa is operating. The fourth side is the American boundary line.

Villa, with most of the force of 4,000 with which he arrived at Madera Saturday, continues to move closer to the southern side of the rectangle and is expected at Chihuahua tomorrow, according to the department's advices. He is said to be without adequate supplies. Obregon has a large force concentrated a short distance south of Chihuahua.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARING

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competitors of Wilmington in this line and that often it was impossible for him to meet orders because of the early closing of the freight depots. After getting orders, frequently it was impossible to get to the depot because of a large number of drays being ahead of him.

Mr. Jacobi moved that the matter be referred to a special committee on which should be representatives of the different interests involved. This was duly seconded by Mr. J. G. McCormick. Mr. M. J. Corbett thought it should go to the traffic committee.

Mr. Taylor replied rather warmly to Mr. Jacobi's suggestion, declaring that Mr. Jacobi, himself a member of the traffic committee, seemed to be implying that this committee had not done its duty. Later Mr. Taylor disclaimed any intention of being harsh in his remarks.

Mr. Jacobi said that he was not a member of the traffic committee a year ago and had not attended the meeting in August. Mr. Love wanted to leave it to a vote of the Chamber.

Mr. McCormick declared that it was not a question of whether or not traffic committee had done its duty but one that conetrns the entire community.

The outcome of the discussion was the withdrawal by Mr. Jacobi of his motion to refer to a special committee and instead he moved that it go to the traffic committee with the suggestion that public hearing be held.

Revenues Not Yet Better.

Mr. Taylor discussed at considerable length the matter of better passenger train service for Wilmington, pointing out that the abridgement of the service had been due to the European war. He had hoped that with the return of better conditions that the Southern railroads would improve but the facts are that they have recovered but little from the effects of the war. Cotton has brought a better price this year than last and while this has helped the merchant it has added but little revenue to the railroad because the bulk of freight has not been increased. For the four months ending November 1, the revenue of the Atlantic Coast Line had been $220,000 less than for the same period last year. One of the reasons for the decrease had been that little Western raw material is being brought into the South, now, he said.

He thought that the train to Conway should be put on after January 1 and also suggested that it might bt well to put it on during the holidays. The parlor cars on trains 48 and 49 should go on regardless of revenue, he thought, as it would be a concession to public sentiment.

The annulment of the night trains North had been a material part of a bigger scheme wnich had not yet been possible to work out and the substitution of the 7:40 morning train was only temporary. He thought the time for this train to leave Wilmington should be changed to 8 o'clock or possibly 8:30. About the only reason he knew that it should be made earlier was because of The Morning Star and he did not think that making it a little later would hurt the paper. He did not think that the time had yet arrived when the daily service instead of the tri-weekly service to Newbern and Fayetteville could be restored.

Mr. M. W. Jacobi said he wanted to speak as an individual and declared he did not feel that Wilmington is getting what she should have. It is the hardest to get to of any town in the South, he believed. "We have been trying to console ourself for years that we have all that we need," he continued. "We are not treated right; we should not be satisfied."

Other cities like Augusta have through care to New York and other Northern cities, he thought Wilmington also should have them: The morning paper should have consideration as it is a big advertisement for the city; the city is put to every inconvenience and doesnot seem to mind it. There are a number of things that need correction, he declared, and "if we can't get them by petition, by supplications let us get them by legal process, if we can."

Mr. J. S. Funchess rose to speak for the United Commercial Travelers, stating that he represented more than 100 traveling men. Another train to Conway is needed. It is impossible to reach Newbern except for three days in the week until the afternoon and by that time the territory has been worked from the other end, especially on Monday, when there is not a morning train tot Newbern. Something ought to be done, he thought.

Mr. J. W. Blomme, also speaking for the Commercial Travelers' local organization, endorsed what Mr. Funchess had to say and also suggested that if a daily morning train could not be put to Newbern that it be run on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, instead of Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

Mr. J. G. McCormick declared that he used to think that because the Atlantic Coast Line had general offices here and a few of its head officers that it felt it had done all for city necessary but he had since changed his opinion and he was convinced that we must crawl before we can walk. As to that era of prosperity, politicians are talking about, he hadn't found it and was sure the railroads had not. But he thought the Chadbourn train should go on an dalso the parlor cars on 48 and 49.

Mr. Craig Speaks.

"I for one am one who is not ashamed I am from Wilmington," said Mr. W. J. Craig, passenger traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, who was asked if he had anything to say. As manager of his department he declared it was his chief desire to develop it to its highest proficiency. The depression incident to the European war had been more severely felt by the railroad than any other business.

The revenue for the Atlantic Coast Line fell off for the fiscal year ending June 30, $5,296,000 representing a decrease of 14 1-2 per cent. in round numbers. There were only two ways to meet the deficiency, one being to increase the business and the other to economize. He mentional as an example of his efforts to increase business, the extensive advertising of Wrightsville Beach last summer, which, however, did not increase business.

The reduction as a passanger train service had not been confined to Wilmington but had extended all over the system, covering six states. None of the trains taken off have yet been restored. The month of September showed a decrease in receipts and there has been no increase since that time.

Taking up the different objections raised, he pointed out that the Conway-Chadbourn branch did not have better service from Charleston than from Wilmington. He did not feel that conditions now warrant putting back the morning train on this branch. When it was operated before, the last month it paid but 37 cents a mile and the average number of passengers riding on the train from Wilmington to Chadbourn inclusive was only 33. This meant only about $37 a trip, which could easily be seen to be a losing proposition.

He quoted figures to show that during the past four months there has been a falling off of about $5.000 a month from the receipts on last year.

He recounted the history of the experiments of putting parlor cars on the trains to the North. He had been personally responsible for putting them during the Jamestown Exposition and again since that time they had been operated but the people would not ride on them. However, he said that they would be put on again just as soon as the cars could be secured.

"There are reasons for all that we do," he declared. "We are not here to irritate people. I live in Wilmington. I have my little money invested here. I think I am patriotic."

Answers Objections.

He empnasized the fact that the management of the Coast Line would like to do many things but there are conditions in the way. Regarding the operation of a through car service to New York, he stated that if the cars go through to that city, they have to be controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad and under the present system they are controlled by the Coast Line. He called attention to the care taken in Washington to see that Wilmingtonians are looked after properly.

He did not feel that conditions here warranted the establishment of an uptown ticket office in view of the fact that the station is only a few blocks from the center of the city. He did not feel that the daily service to Fayetteville and Newbern was yet warranted by conditions but he would take under considerations the suggestions for changing the days for the Newbern tri-weekly.

Under normal conditions he expressed the belief that Wilmington has the best service locally of any point on the Coast Line.

Mr. L. B. Sasser declared that the retail trade of Wilmington was suffering because of the taking off of the trains. He closed his talk by referring to the fact that negroes have not been riding on the trains or leaving home much since the beginning of the war.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 o'clock after having been in session for two and a half hours.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS

Statistical Report for Month of Health Department.

There were 19 more births in Wilmington during the month of November than there were deaths, there being 60 births and 41 deaths, according to a statement from the New Hanover County Board of Health.

The births exceeded the deaths by 12.9 per cent. per thousand. The births among the white population exceeded the deaths by 18, there being 33 births and 15 deaths. The births among the colored population were 27, while the deaths were 26, leaving a margin of only one. Six white children died under the age of five years, while seven colored children died under that ago. There was one white and one colored non-resident death in the city during the month.

The temporary birth rate among the white population for November was white, 22.3; black, 21.1, making a total of 22.2. The death rate for the same period was white, 9.4; black, 20.3; total, 14.1 per cent.

FUNERAL OF MR. ROSE.

Services Held Yesterday Afternoon. Burial in Oakdale.

A large concourse of friends attended the funeral of Mr. Richard S. Rose, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, as a result of an accidental bullet wound in the hip about three months ago, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, from the residence of Mrs. W. J. Woodward, No. 210 North Second street, by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Interment was in Oakdale cemetery, where the beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which many friends held Mr. Rose. One came from the car record office, of the A. C. L., and one from the office of General Transportation Superintendent J. T. King, under whom Mr. Rose was employed.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Col. Walker Taylor, Dr. J. B. Cranmer, Dr. Thos. M. Green, Messrs. R. A. Brand and J. T. King; active, Messrs. M. J. Dauer, Thos. S. James, Williams Harriss, W. I. Baxter, William Flannagan and F. A. Muse.

We are showing some beautiful sets of furs, from $15.00 to $75.00. C. H. Fore & Co.—Advertisement.

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Made from Cream of Tartar

Absolutely Pure

DISTRIBUTED 550 BIBLES IN NUMBER OF PUBLIC PLACES.

Men's Christian Association of St. Paul's Does Splendid Work.

A committee from the Men's Christian Association of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church for the past several months have been quietly, but efficiently at work, placing Bibles and New Testaments with Psalms, in one hotel, 40 boarding houses, in the James Walker Memorial Hospital, Harper's Sanitarium, U. S. Marine Hospital, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A., the city Fire Department, the county home, the convict camp, the county jail and the city prison.

Altogether, there were 550 Bibles and Testaments distributed and 100 pamphlets, "The Danger to Young Men." The committee was courteously received and the Bibles were thankfully and in some cases eagerly accepted. By request, a Bible was given every nurse at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

On Thanksgiving a part of the committee carried magazines and fruit to the Marine Hospital, and one of the inmates remarked that it had been a long time since they had been remembered.

The chairman will from time to time make visits to these places to give Bibles and literature to the new people who happen to be in these places. All those who took part in the work, feel that they have done a work that will encourage souls to live better lives, and they feel glad that they took this work of charity upon their shoulders.

MARY BELLAMY BAGG WON W. C. T. U. CONTEST PRIZE

Splendid Programme Rendered at First Baptist Church Last Night.

Little Miss Mary Bellamy Bagg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bagg, of No. 20 North Eighth street, was the successful contestant last night in the Women's Christian Temperance Union medal contest at the First Baptist church. There was a large attendance and all present were delighted with the splendid programme.

The three other contestants, who made it hard for the judges to decide because every number was a feature, were Alexander Boone and Dorothy Boone, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boone, of North Eighth street, and Florence Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Tucker, at 308 Grace street. The judges of the contest were Mrs. C. O. Byerly, Mr. Heman Shaw and Joseph W. Little, Esq.

There was a well balanced programme. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Marshall Craig, acting pastor of the First Baptist church, followed by the contest. Miss Ruby Duncan then sang "Out From the Hearthstone the Children Go." Also "Some Glad Day" at the close.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, made the presentation of the prize, after which the Union adopted a resolution for National prohibition.

Many Deeds Recorded Yesterday.

There were a large number of deeds filed yesterday in the office of tht Register of Deeds among which were the following: C. H. Kennedy to Susan Kennedy, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Church street, 132 feet west of Fifth, 66 by 165 feet in size; E. K. Bryan, commissioner, to Daniel O'Connor for payment on judgment sustained last March in Superior Court, lot on the south side of Rankin street 33 feet west of Rankin and Thirteenth, 33 by 154 feet in size; John S. McEachern to Mary E. McEachern, for $1 and other considerations, tract of land on Old Wilmington and Topsail road, 105 by 1,043 feet in size; Rufus B. Hayes to E. R. Pickard, for $10 and other considerations, irregular tract on Federal Point road near the Sound; H. M. Lay and wife to S. R. Truelove, of Onslow county, for $150 and other considerations, lots, Nos. 331 and 332, of Rapalje survey near Scott's Hill; Dixie Land and Development Company to Claude M. Puckett, for $10 and other considerations, lot No. 39, South Wilmington Heights; Charles C. Loughlin to Mary W. Montgomery, for $100 and other considerations, lot on 15th street, 165 feet north of Chestnut, 55 by 122 feet in size; Johnnie G. Cumming, executrix of the Preston Cummings estate, to Charles C. Loughlin, for $85.45, lot of irregular shape on south side of Meares street, 128 feet east of Third.

Attended Trial at Burgaw.

County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Policemen D. W. Coleman and Leon George went to Burgaw yesterday to attend the magistrate's trial of the negroes against whom they will give evidence regarding the robbery a few weeks ago at Rocky Point. The negroes will be brought back here and tried on charge of robbery at Castle Haynes before they are tried in Pender county.

Want Insurance Companies.

The Wilmington Chapter of the American Red Cross Society desires to secure the active co-operation of all the insurance companies doing business in Wilmington in the sale of Red Cross Seals. The members of the society feel that they should aid in the sale of the seals by using them on their mail as the proceeds go towards helping many of the policy-holders.

Christmas Tree at Delgado.

Arrangements are being made by the Sunday School of Delgado Baptist church to hold an old-time Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. It is expected that this occasion will be a big event for the children. Mr. L. W. Moore is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Warm War Wirelets

London, Dec. 13. — Turkish attacks on the British Mespotamia army at Kut el Amara have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement tonight. British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

London, Dec. 13. — The King of Greece, in an audience accorded the members of the diplomatic body at Athens on Saturday gave personal occurrences which are regarded as satisfactory. This information is conveyed in a dispatch from Athens to Reuters Telegram Company.

Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 13. — The newspaper L'Opinion asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving toward the threatened point, apparently with the object of disputing a Bulgarian invasion.

London, Dec. 13. — German and Austro-Hungarian submarines to date have sunk 508 vessels, according to a news dispatch from Berlin. The total tonnage of the vessels sunk is given as 917,819.

Berlin, Dec. 13 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The French and British have been entirely expelled from Macedonian territory, it is officially announced today by German army headquarters, the advancing army under General Todoroff occupying Dorian and Gievgeli. It is declared that two British divisions were nearly wiped out, during the advance.

MR. T. A. M'CRAW DEAD.

Man Recently Pardoned by Governor Craig Died of Heart Trouble.

Mr. T. A. McCraw, who was pardoned a few months ago by Governor Locke Craig from a 20-year sentence he was serving in the State penitentiary on a charge of killing his mother-in-law, after having served nine years, died rather suddenly last night in his room at Mrs. Edwards' boarding house, No. 113 1-2 Market street.

Mr. McCraw, since his return from Raleigh, had been living a quiet life. He had secured work as an upholsterer with the Wilmington Taxicab Company and was sticking close to his work. He was as well as usual last night at bed time. About 11 o'clock one of the boarders came to him room and found him acting as if in pain and asked if he could do anything for him. Mr. McCraw asked him to make a fire, which he did. A little later another one of the boarders came to his room found him on the floor with his feet in the fire, in a dying condition. He called help and lifted the stricken man to his bed, and in a few minutes, when the boarders had gathered, Mr. McCraw had passed away.

He leaves besides his wife, a son, Mr. Thomas McCraw, and two daughters, all in this city. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

SAW A MAN IN THE YARD.

Mrs. Percy W. Wells Was Frightened Last Night by a Prowler.

Mrs. Percy W. Wells last night about 10 o'clock heard an unusual noise near a window at her home on Wrightsville avenue, and on looking out, saw a man in the yard. She became frightened and hurriedly went to get a pistol. Upon her return she saw no one, but in excitement fired the pistol three times and then telephoned her husband.

Policemen Craig and Dew, on duty in the immediate neighborhood, both hurried to the Wells home upon hearing the pistol fired, but they neither saw anyone.

Business Locals

WE ARE BUILDING A THOROUGH up-to-date, convenient, modern but not costly, Two-Story House on beautiful "Wi-no-ca" Terrace. This house and lot, 55x150 feet, is for sale upon especially attractive and easy terms, to a good party. Come and see the house; see the blue prints; get the price and terms and save money by owning your own home, at "Wi-no-ca" where the value of property is rapidly and steadily increasing. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. de14-1t

COTTAGE, NO. 200 SO. SIXTH ST., IS being put in first class condition. Six rooms; low rent, and all conveniences. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. de14-1t

JUST RECEIVED FOR CHRISTMAS trade: Corned hams, 20 cents; chocolate cream drops, 15 cents; French mixed cream drops, 10 cents; cocoanut bon bons, 12½ cents. Schutt Bros. Phone 988. de 11-20t*

WHY BUY NEW HATS? WE CAN clean, block and reshape your old hats like new for 50c.; suits pressed, 25c. Only hatter in city. American Practical Hatter, 128 Market street. 'Phone 418-W. de14-1t*

GUARANTEED EGGS, 32c. PER DOZ-en. Your money back, if not satisfied. Try our 20c. canned peaches. Simply unequalled. 'Phone 460. C. S. Britt. 'Phone 460. de14-1t*

FOR RENT — 103 SOUTH EIGHTH street; seven rooms, all latest improvements. Gordon Brothers, 17 Princess street. de14-tf

WANTED — 10 BOYS TO SELL COL-lier's Weekly every Tuesday evening after school hours. Gordon Brothers, 17 Princess street. de14-1t

'PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR MAGA-zines and newspapers to 745. Gordon Brothers, 17 Princess street. de14-tf

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT DAILY: whipped cream, 25c. quart; Pasteurized buttermilk—the kind with the cream in it. Made daily. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co. de14-1t*

LOST — MONDAY MORNING, BUNCH of keys with name W. A. Harrell, about dozen keys, between post office and Front and Hanover streets. Finder return for owner, care Star office, and receive reward. de14-1t*

CATAWBA CREAMERY BUTTER, 3 lbs. for $1.00; large Fish Roe, $1.00 dozen; large fresh Eggs, 3 dozen, $1.00; 5 lbs. Hygeia Coffee, $1.25; fresh Rye Flour, 5c. lb.; Meal, 25c. peck; 24-lb. sack Best Flour, 85c.; Mince Meat, 2 lbs., 25c., at C. H. Bornemann's. 'Phone 853. de14-1t*

WANTED — AN ENERGETIC, AMBI-tious, active man to establish permanent business. Whole or part time. Health and Accident Insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. Address National Casualty Company, Detroit, Mich. de14-7t

FOR SALE — LAST MODEL OUT, FIVE passenger Ford Auto.; good as new, has been run only one thousand miles. Call on or address E. R. Jones, Post Master, Castle Haynes, N. C. de14-1t*

WANTED — POSITION AS MEAT CUT-ter or Grocery Clerk, or most any other clerical position, by straightforward, honest man. Address "A. B.," care Star. de14-1t*

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TYPEWRITERS, REMINGTON, UN-derwood, Oliver, etc., $10.00 up. Guaranteed machines; repairing by licensed expert; reasonable rates. Ribbons, all machines, 50 cents. 'Phone 1235-J. No. 3 Citizens' Bank Building. de14-1t*

HAVE ($2,000) TWO THOUSAND DOL-lars to lend for three years on city improved real estate. See M. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate. de14-1t

MADE THREE SALES YESTERADY.— If you want your property sold and the price is right, and if you want to buy a piece of property at the right price, consult Moore's Real Estate and Insurance Agency, 123 Princess street, the office of service and value. de14-1t

FOR SALE — REASONABLE, ONE closed carriage in good condition; Brewster built. Address Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Co., City. de14-2t*

NICE FRESH OYSTERS TODAY, 30 cents qt. bucket; sirloin steak, 20 cents lb.; good beef roast, 18 cents. We have full line of fresh vegetables, fruits and fresh meats every day. Dressed turkeys, 25 cents lb. Call us up or come and see. We have the goods. Batson's Meat Market; 'Phone No. 72; 115 Market street. de14-tf

WANTED — WHITE LADY OR GENT. or two bright, neat boys, age about 14 (after school) to deliver homemade food. Short hours, good wages, no experience necessary. Call at 1204 Castle street, between 4 and 8 evenings. de14-1t*

FOR RENT — STORE BUILDING, 30 by 110 feet, first and second floors, located in principal business section of the town of Lumberton, N. C. Store fixtures and office furniture for sale. Mrs. Emma M. McNeill, Lumberton, N. C. de14-2t*

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FOR RENT — LARGE, BRIGHT, WELL furnished room, with modern conveniences. Centrally located. Near Post Office, 216 North Second street. 'Phone 773. no23-tf

NOTICE TO PUBLIC — FURNACE and stove repairs done reasonable; heaters relined, good as new. Have your roof repaired now. Satisfaction guaranteed. 'Phone 431. W. B. Klander, 22 South Second street. Also roof painting done. no28-tf

BEE WISE AND HAVE YOUR OLD suit cleaned and pressed for Christmas and save money. Suit pressed, only 25c. Men's suits cleaned and pressed, $1.00. Coat suits pressed, 50 cents. Brinson's Pressing Club. 'Phone 717, 114 1-2 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C. de12-su,tu,th-3t

MEMBERS OF ST. AGNES' GUILD OF St. James' church will hold their annual Christmas sale of fancy articles, lingerie, dressed dolls and candy, Wednesday, 15th, 10:30 A. M. Housewives' League Rest Room. de12-su,tu-2t

AUCTION SALE — 1,200 ACRES. E. S. Smith farm, near Lillington, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 16th, 10 A. M., 200 acres of this best gravel land, 18 to 25 feet deep; 75 to 80 per cent. rock; very valuable for roads, streets, or concrete work; 9 houses on farm in good repair; good land for cattle raising and for raising fine tobacco. Easy terms; one-fourth cash, balance one, two and three years. Southern Realty and Auction Co., Greensboro, N. C. de3-f,su,tu,th-7t

WANTED — JANUARY 1ST, POSITION as cashier or assistant cashier of bank in small town, by a thoroughly experienced bank man. Capable of filling any position in bank that totals $300,000 or less. Address "Banker," care Star. de2,th,su,tu-6t*

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Condensed Report of Condition to Comptroller, at Close of Business, November 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,417,210.29	Capital Stock	$ 250,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	270,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,833.35
North Carolina 4 per cent Bonds (at par)	45,000.00	Circulation	250,000.00
Bonds and Securities	24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures	45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00	Reserve Account (for Building)	20,000.00
Real Estate	43,026.86	Bills Payable	70,000.00
Cash in our Vaults $124,501.42		DEPOSITS	1,692,829.70
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas. 484,314.73	608,816.15		
Total	$2,462,929.45	Total	$2,462,929.45

Began Business in 1908, with Capital of $50,000.00. 6 Per Cent Annual Dividends Paid Since Organization.

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STATEMENT CONDITION

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,745,818.48	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	810,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	865,558.88
Bank Building	487,793.51	Circulation	750,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	288,400.00	Special Deposit Bonds	115,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.65	Special Reserve	21,900.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,084.88
	$8,449,653.76		$8,449,653.76

H. C. McQUEEN, President. C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.
J. W. YATES, Vice-President. W. S. JOHNSON, Assistant Cashier.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice-President. M. F. ALLEN, Assistant Cashier.

Court Notice

Jurors and witnesses summoned to appear at court this week are hereby notified that on account of illness of the judge presiding, there will be no court.

W. N. HARRISS.
Clerk Superior Court.

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YOU furnish the Old Lace and we will furnish the Lavender. We have just received a fresh lot of Lavender Flowers. Nothing daintier or more refreshing than the odor of Lavender Flowers among laces and other dainty fabrics.

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FOUND—A MARKET FOR POPLAR Tupelo and sweet gum logs. We want to buy several car loads of poplar tupelo and sweet gum logs. Will inspect at shipping point and pay cash, f.o.b. cars. For full particulars and prices address J. L. Mateer Lumber Co., Rural Hall, N. C. de 11-12t

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN, French bull dog, brindle color, with bob tail, long ears. Brass studded collar. Reward for return. Dr. A. H. Harriss. de12-3t

A CHANCE FOR YOU—WE ARE still selling Best Creamery butter in block or tub, 35 cents lb.; lean sliced bacon, 25 cents lb.; Quaker oatmeal, 10 cents, and a full line of groceries. We also give tickets for the bungalow prize contest, so now is your chance to enter the race. May Bros., 24 North Front street. Phone 1322. The Only Real Delicatessen. de 4-tf

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